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PRIVATE GOLD COINAGE OF CALIFORNIA

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As collectors of coins and as students of numismatics, most of us have at one time or another heard of the private gold coins issued in Georgia and North Carolina between 1830 and 1834. These were the first private issues of real consequence in this country, but the subsequent coinage of California private issues constitutes a much more important chapter on this subject. For the moment let us examine the California coinage.

This series of California coinage struck between 1849 and 1855 represents the currency in actual use between the time of the discovery of gold and the establishment of a branch of the United States Mint in San Francisco, a period which, with the exception of our war years, was one of the most sensational in our national history.

When John Marshall discovered gold at Sutter's Mill in January, 1848 our country was soon placed on a solid and prosperous basis which brought an abrupt end to the period of hard times which had prevailed for a decade. News of this discovery and the enormous influx of population had a far-reaching effect throughout the country. Repeating the history of Georgia and North Carolina, gold dust and gold nuggets soon became a medium of exchange even though it was inadequate for many purposes.

At this point it might be wise to review the currency situation which prevailed at this time.

Coins were a necessity for the payment of custom duties and importers hoarded every piece of coined money, whether of gold or silver, for that purpose. The origin of the coinage made no difference. German, French, English and Spanish coins were in circulation. Mexican and South American money was in common use. The fact that these coins were passing at over their par value did not effect trade in any way. A French silver 5-franc piece, intrinsically worth only 93 cents, was accepted at $1 everywhere except at the Custom House. For fractional currency any foreign silver coin was acceptable and all silver the approximate size of a quarter passed for that amount even though the par value was less than 20 cents.

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The inevitable result of this practice was that speculators reaped large profits from the traffic in silver and gold coins (even as our coin dealer of today). This resulted in a further scarcity of metallic currency. The fact that the Custom House refused to accept gold dust or gold nuggets but insisted on hard money further aggravated the situation. Merchants actually paid a premium in gold dust to obtain silver coins which were worth less than the price paid for them, for not only did the Custom House insist on it, but the Orientals would accept nothing but silver in payment for purchases in China.

Obviously something had to be done — and so, only six months after John Marshall's discovery of gold, a group of San Francisco's prominent citizens, among whom were Walter Colton, Talbot H. Green, J. S. Ruckle, Thomas O. Larkin, C. Wooster, Milton Little, J. Spence, and Jose Abrigo, outlined the embarrassing state of affairs caused by the lack of a suitable currency and asked the Governor to sanction a private assayer's issue of gold coins. Governor Mason agreed to order the Custom House to receive in payment of duties California grain gold wrought into convenient shapes at its intrinsic values. Before the businessmen had time to act on this authority, the Governor revoked the permission, having ascertained that an act of Congress prohibited him from granting it.

Within the month a great public meeting was held in San Francisco determined to fix a definite value for gold dust and to find some substitute or equivalent which would be acceptable by the government. Miners from all parts of the state attended as did bankers, merchants, and the general public. Despite the insistence of the miners that California raw gold was worth $18 or more per ounce, a current value was settled upon at $16 per ounce.

This, then, was the currency status when the first private gold coin of California made its appearance. Early in 1849, a $5 piece was issued bearing the stamp of Norris, Gregg & Norris. Though issued at Benicia City it has the imprint of San Francisco. The firm of Norris, Gregg & Norris is, therefore, reputed to be the first to issue a private gold coin in California.

Moffat & Co., who were doing an assaying and gold brokerage business in San Francisco, issued rectangular ingots of gold and followed with a circular $10 piece bearing their private stamp.

From this slow beginning there followed an avalanche of private gold coins; every big company coming from the east brought machinery for coining. Even Utah and Oregon coins appeared in the form of issue of the Mormons and the Oregon Territory.

Among the California companies striking coins were the Miner's Bank, Ormsby & Co., Pacific Co., Cincinnati Mining and Trading Co., and Templeton Reid who had originally struck the first of all private coinage in Georgia in 1830.

Many of the issues were debased and soon lost favor. A Pacific Company $10 piece, for example, had a gold value of only $7.86, whereas the Templeton Reid $10 piece was worth $9.75. The Mormon coins were the first to fall into disrepute, then the Miner's Bank came into disfavor. These and other issues were soon driven from circulation, and those who owned them were forced to sell them for bullion value and take a loss. One after another these issues disappeared, leaving

only Moffat & Co. as the survivor of 1849, and they continued to mint coins in 1850. In the latter year Baldwin & Co. and Dubosq and Co. issued $5 and $10 pieces.

The path of private coinage became a little rough when a bill was introduced in the State Legislature which would class all such coins as counterfeits, would impose the penalties provided for in the federal laws, and would compel the redemption by the companies of all coinage issued by them within 30 days after the passage of the act.

Moffat & Co. came to its own defense and its reply cited the history of the private coinage of Georgia and North Carolina and protested that no law existed prohibiting the practice — all to no avail. Laws were passed in 1850 which put an end to the business for a time. Another act established the Office of State Assayer and prescribed his duties. Private coiners were compelled to redeem their issues on demand, at face value. Other restrictions included in the act made it next to impossible for them to continue in business. But early in 1851, the State Legislature repealed these acts and Congress authorized the appointment of a United States Assayer. Moffat & Co., who had obtained the contract with the federal government, abandoned their private issues.

In 1851 $5 coins bearing the inscriptions of Dunbar & Co. and Schultz & Co. appeared and Baldwin & Co. issued a $20 piece, the first of that value to be struck. The first $5 piece, you will recall, was struck by Norris, Gregg & Norris, the first $10 by Moffat & Co. and now the $20 by Baldwin & Co.

More coins were issued in 1851 than ever before and again the distrust of the coinage came to the surface, and again all but those coins issued by Moffat & Co. were refused by the banks. A committee of merchants condemned the principle of private coinage as, and I quote, "evidently so adverse to the existence of a sound monetary system that the committee cannot but condemn it in the strongest of terms." The committee urged the establishment of a United States Mint as the only sound solution to the problem.

For the second time, private coinage was abandoned and the only pieces struck were the fifty dollar octagonal slugs issued by the U.S. Assay Office. Refusal of the businessmen to accept any other coins speedily sent those coins to the melting pot. We now see why these coins are so rare today and sell at substantial premium prices.

Unfortunately, the $50 piece, which now was the only acceptable coin, was a bit cumbersome. Besides, smaller denominations were necessary in order to conduct business. Once again the coins which were acceptable for duties were hoarded and three years of hectic activity brought the citizens back to where they had started.

Moffat & Co. was petitioned by the merchants to issue coins in smaller denominations than $50, and the company obtained government consent to mint Ten and Twenty dollar pieces. Another firm, Wass, Molitor & Co., began to strike $10 coins in 1852. The United States Assay Office also issued $10 and $20 coins in 1853, as did Moffat & Co., and in 1854 and 1855 the firm of Kellogg & Co. issued $20 coins and also in 1855 a $50 coin which is excessively rare.

Nowhere have we mentioned the names of Augustus Humbert,

Frederick D. Kohler or Albert Kuner and no consideration of California coinage would be complete without them.

Augustus Humbert was the first United States Assayer of Gold in California and issued coinage attesting that fact. Frederick D. Kohler was a New York jeweler who joined the gold rush in 1849, and in 1850 was appointed State Assayer.

Albert Kuner was born in Bavaria in 1819 and came to the United States in 1848. Like many others, he was attracted to California by the marvelous gold discoveries, and arrived in San Francisco in 1849. Having been an expert in the art of cameo cutting, Albert Kuner found it profitable to enter the field of die-cutting and seal engraving. In the employ of Moffat & Co., he cut the dies for the first $10 piece as well as those for the seal of California and for hundreds of medals. He made the dies for the Norris, Gregg & Norris coin, the Moffat coins of 1849 and 1850, the Schultz $5, the Dunbar $5, the Baldwin $5, $10, and $20 coins, and some of the $50 pieces. He also engraved the dies for the coins issued by Wass, Molitor & Co. as well as those for the Deseret Assay Office $5 coin of Utah.

In 1862, when the Government of British Columbia contemplated an issue of local gold, Kuner was commissioned to prepare the dies and he cut those from which were struck the excessively rare $10 and $20 pieces dated 1862 bearing the name of "British Columbia."

Like most other interesting series, that of the private gold of California is studded with rare and unusual pattern or experimental pieces. Especially so is the $2.50 coin issued by the Pacific Company. It was struck in silver and only two pieces were made. None was issued in gold. A $10 coin by Moran & Clark appears in copper, and a $20 coin of the Cincinnati Mining and Trading Co. is also known in copper. Edgar Adams listed it as unique. An outstanding item is a $20 coin struck in copper by Blake & Co. in 1856. It represents the final effort of a contemplated renewal of private coinage in California. An interesting story accompanies this unique coin. Some years ago Henry Chapman owned it and the well-known collector, Waldo Newcomer, wanted it. He wanted it so badly that he offered to trade quite a collection of coins for it. Chapman drove a hard bargain, then auctioned off the collection which he took in trade. As the story goes, Chapman realized over $13,000 for the material for which he had relinquished this $20 copper coin minted by Blake & Co. in 1856.

In closing we should recall that the coinage by private mints was born of necessity. Merchants and bankers tolerated it because they expected it to be replaced by government issues.

Its need, however, was felt by every class in the community. It gave the miners an increased value for their nuggets and dust. It facilitated trade for the merchant and permitted of a more stable system for the banker. The government could clear its custom storehouse because merchants were able to pay their duties. True, all of these benefits did not always accrue at one and the same time, but someone always did benefit.

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THE STORY OF ENGLISH COINAGE

By H. A. SEABY, London, England

The earliest known coins were struck in Asia Minor in approximately 700 B.C. and in the course of the next few hundred years most cities and peoples around the Mediterranean shores issued their own coins. It is indirectly to Ancient Greece that we owe the first British coinage.

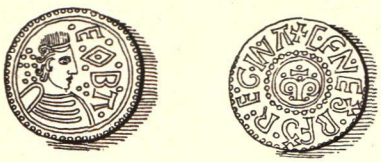
Stater of Philip II of Macedon

Philip II, King of Macedon, 359-336 B.C., struck one of the largest issues of gold coins in ancient times, which circulated throughout the then known world. The natives of Gaul copied these gold staters and with them sailed across the English Channel to trade with the Britons.

Early Stater of Britain

About 150 B.C. the Ancient Britons made a rather crude copy of the Gaulish imitation, and followed it up with still more barbarous imitations.

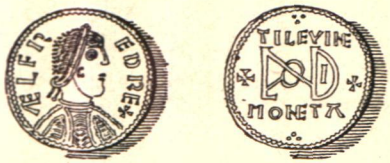
On the conquest of England by the Romans a law was published prohibiting the circulation of any money but that bearing the Imperial authority, so for some four hundred years Roman coins were the official currency of this country. After the Roman withdrawal these coins and copies of them continued to circulate and for some two hundred years there is a complete break in the coinage. There then appeared a Saxon coinage of small silver and gold coins, known as the sceat and the thrymsa, without the name of the issuers, and about which very little is definitely known.



Penny of Cynethryth, Widow of Offa

In the eighth century the silver denier was the common coin in use in Western Europe and was brought across the English Channel by

travellers. In about the year 760 Offa, King of Mercia, struck a silver penny of really good workmanship at Canterbury, and for some six hundred years the silver penny was almost the only denomination to be coined. The weight of this coin was 24 grains and gave its name to the *penny-weight.*



Penny of Alfred the Great

The above illustration is a penny of Alfred the Great, 866-871, which was struck at London and has the monogram of that city on the reverse side. *Tilevine Moneta* refers to the moneyer or man who was responsible for the issue.

Penny of William I

The conquest of England by the Normans saw no change in the coinage and William the Conqueror struck only the penny. As in Saxon times the coins were struck at a large number of towns, it being easier to send dies around the country than vast quantities of pennies.

Gold Penny of Henry III

In the reign of Henry III, 1216-1272, an attempt was made to introduce a gold coinage. In 1257 a gold penny was struck weighing 45 grains, and was to be current for twenty pence, but this was soon raised to twenty-four pence. The country was not yet ready for this innovation and the citizens of London protested; the King listened to their plea and promptly withdrew the issue, hence its extreme rarity today. No specimen has turned up on the market for some years, and today it is catalogued at £1,000.

In 1279, under Edward I, a new coinage of a new type was issued. It was to consist of penny, halfpenny and farthing, and was of a type

Penny of Edward I

as illustrated above. Groats of the value of four pennies of somewhat similar type were also struck but this denomination did not really come into general circulation until the reign of Edward III in 1351, when the half-groat was also first struck. The pennies of Edward I are so common that although nearly seven hundred years old they can be purchased for about half a crown.

For some time it had been felt that a gold currency was necessary and, in fact, foreign gold coins freely circulated here, which could hardly be entirely satisfactory. In 1343 Edward III ordered a gold coinage, which consisted of the florin, its half the leopard, and its quarter the helm. The florin was nearly pure gold, 23 carats 3½ grains fine, and weighed 108 grains. It was current for six shillings, double the value of the Italian florin. These pieces were too highly rated in proportion to silver and were at once withdrawn, and very few examples are in existence today.

Noble of Edward III

In the following August the first noble was issued, being current for 6s. 8d., it had on it the famous type of the king in a ship, which may have been suggested by the naval supremacy won at Sluys in 1340. During the next few years there were various changes in weight and in 1351 it was finally fixed at 120 grains and the ratio of gold to silver being settled at twelve to one ratio, and by this time the half and quarter nobles were being regularly issued. The inscription on the reverse of the noble "Jesus autem transiens" etc. was considered to be a charm against thieves or rather a warning against the practice of clipping. The purity of the metal of these coins and their handsome appearance led to their being copied in the Low Countries; these were, however, of lighter weight and of somewhat base gold, and laws were passed prohibiting their importation.

For the next hundred years there was little change in the coinage except for some reduction in weight owing to the exchange position, and the internal value of money, i.e., inflation. In 1464, on account of the dearth of money the value of the gold was raised to 8s. 6d. for the noble.

In the following year a new gold coin, the ryal or rose-noble, was issued; it was like the earlier noble in design but had a rose on the ship and a sun in centre of the reverse; these being the badges Edward IV had adopted after the battle of Mortimer's Cross. Its weight was 120 grains and its value was raised to ten shillings.

Angel of Edward IV

As it was still felt desirable to have a 6s. 8d. coin, why we cannot imagine, as there was a half-ryal of 5s., except that it had become the standard professional fee (and is still retained by lawyers), a new coin, the angel, was established. The type was the Archangel Michael, with wings and a nimbus, transfixing a dragon with a spear. This is the coin that was used for the "touching for the king's evil"; when afflicted persons came before the king to be healed by his "touch," the sovereign hung a gold coin around the invalid's neck as a charm against a return of the disease.

When we come to the reign of Henry VII, 1485-1509, the coinage represents the first step in the transition from mediaeval to modern currency, and the greatness of the house of Tudor shines forth in the splendor of its money. He coined two new denominations, the gold sovereign or double ryal, weighing 240 grains, and being current for twenty shillings, and the silver testoon or shilling.

On the obverse of the sovereign the king is shown enthroned, and on the reverse the Tudor rose is charged with the royal shield. Its large size offered the artist ample scope of which he took full advantage; it was the finest coin that had ever been struck in England and excelled all other European coins, and marked the growing wealth of this country.

"Septim" Shilling of Henry VII

The other new coin, the testoon or shilling, was first minted in 1504, and its design introduced new features into our coinage. The king's bust was in profile for the first time and could therefore be a portrait in place of the stereotyped facing head. Another innovation was the

placing of words or numerals after the king's name to denote he was the seventh Henry who had ascended the throne. Numismatists have only been able to distinguish the various issues of the earlier kings from mint-marks and other small devices, except in the case of some of the coins of Henry III.

Henry VIII added considerably to the coins issued by his father, all in gold; the double-sovereign, the half-sovereign, the George-noble, the half-George-noble (only one specimen now known), the quarter angel, the crown and the half-crown.

George-Noble of Henry VIII

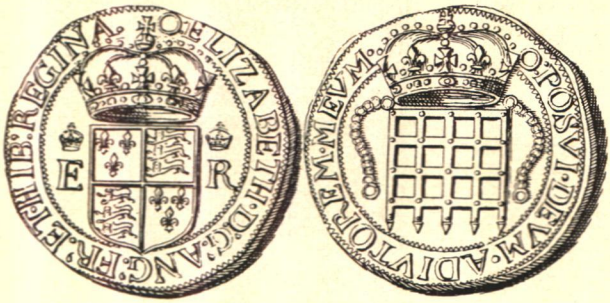
The George-noble and its half were only issued during this reign. In 1530 the angel of 80 grains went up in value to 7s. 6d., and the George-noble took its place as the 6s. 8d. coin. The ship came back on the obverse and the St. George and dragon is found on the reverse; this is the first appearance of England's patron saint on her coinage.

The innovations during this reign, however, showed one retrogressive step. That was the lowering of the standard of the coinage. Some of the gold was brought down to 22 carats (at which standard most gold coins continued to be struck right up to 1917) and later for a short period to 20 carats. The debasement of the silver money commenced in 1543, when it stood at 5 parts fine to 1 part alloy, and it successively fell till it was only one-third silver.

Queen Elizabeth turned her attention to the state of the coinage almost immediately on her accession, and restored the silver to its old fineness. In this reign the number of denominations reached its maximum and must have been rather confusing to both the shopper and the shop-keeper. The gold coins of the best quality (23 cts. 3½ grs. fine) were the sovereign (30s.), the ryal (20s.), the angel (10s.), the half-angel (5s.) and the quarter-angel (2s. 6d.); those of "crown gold" (22 cts. fine) were the pound sovereign (20s.), the half-sovereign (10s.), the crown (5s.) and the half-crown (2s. 6d.). The silver coinage consisted of eleven denominations: crown, halfcrown, shilling, sixpence, groat, threepence, half-groat, three-halfpence, penny, three-farthings, halfpenny.

Up to this reign all coins had been hammered, struck by the hammer, which often caused a weak or imperfect imprint and an irregular edge, the latter being an encouragement for clipping. At this period the French introduced a new method of striking coins by means of the screw-press, and in 1560 machinery was set up in the Tower for making "milled money." The coins thus struck were very superior to the hammered money, but the workmen at the mint thinking their livelihood was in danger so objected that the experiment was short-lived, and the

regular adoption of milled money was put back for nearly one hundred years.



Portcullis Crown of Elizabeth

It was during the reign of Queen Elizabeth that the first colonial coins were issued. In 1600 coins were struck for use by the new trading company, "The Company of Merchants of London Trading into the East Indies." They are often called portcullis crowns, halfcrowns, shillings and sixpences, but were really 8, 4, 2 and 1 reales as they were to supersede the Spanish dollar and its parts.

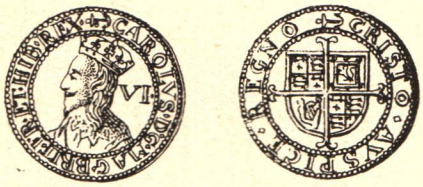
Grueber writes, "The death of Elizabeth brought to a close one of the most important periods in the history of the English coinage, that of the Tudor dynasty. The coinage from Henry VII to Elizabeth had been as remarkable for its vicissitudes as for its excellence. During no other period did the English mints issue such an array of coins so conspicuous for their beauty of workmanship, their unusual size, and their great variety. The actual output also exceeded that of any previous period."

At the accession of James I, son of Mary Queen of Scots, the union of England and Scotland is recorded on the coinage by alteration in the monarch's titles as well as the change in the royal arms. The coinage of this reign is somewhat complicated as there were three separate issues, all differing as far as the gold was concerned, but no startling innovations took place.

There was a copper coinage in Scotland, and James, realizing the advantages of this and objecting to the leaden tradesmen's tokens that were then circulating, decided on an official copper coinage in this country. But instead of having these struck at the Royal Mint he issued a patent to Lord Harrington to strike copper farthings bearing the king's name and to weigh 6 grains each. As they were small and thin they were not at all popular, although they were issued at a discount.

Owing to the Civil War, the reign of Charles I provides the most extensive and varied coinage of any period. The early years of the reign showed little change in the coinage, but one of the effects of the struggle between the king and the parliament was the establishment of local mints throughout the country, which supplied money for the king to carry on the struggle. Besides the normal coins of the Tower mint and those of the local mints, there must be added the coinage of Nicholas Briot and the issues of towns and castles in a state of siege.

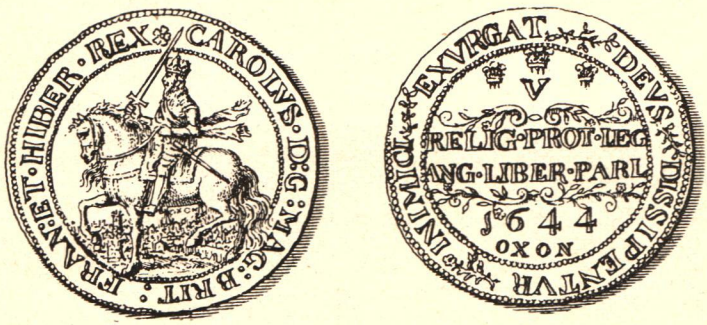
In 1625 Briot came to England from the Paris mint and obtained employment at the Tower, where the main English mint had been established for centuries. He re-introduced the mill and screw-press, but it was only used for the coins engraved by himself, and he was the finest die engraver that had worked in England for some years.



Briot Sixpence of Charles I

The majority of the coinage was still hammered but the dies for some of these pieces were also probably executed by him. The York mint was established by 1642, and the king, having gone north, summoned Nicholas Briot to bring his coining instruments to York; this mint remained open until the battle of Marston Moor in July 1644 placed the city in the hands of the Parliamentary forces.

A considerable amount of the silver used for the coinage came from Wales, and in 1637 Thomas Bushell, the lessee of the mines, was instructed to open a mint at Aberystwyth for the coinage of this silver. On the 19th September 1642 the king held a Privy Council at Wellington in Shropshire, where he made his famous "Declaration." This was henceforth found on the reverse of most of his coins as *"Religio Protesttantium, Leges Angliae, Libertas Parliamenti"* (The religion of the Protestants, the laws of England, the liberty of the Parliament) abbreviated. At about the same time Bushell's mint was transferred to Shrewsbury, but it only stayed here for a short time as it was moved to Oxford in December 1642. At this latter mint a number of outstanding pieces were struck; in gold we get the handsome triple unites or three pound pieces (see Frontispiece), the largest piece in this metal to date; in silver we find the pound and half-pound; these were probably made from plate belonging to the Oxford Colleges, as well as from private owners who gave theirs to the king. The engraver at Oxford was Thomas Rawlins, who also superintended the operation of that mint.



Rawlin's Oxford Crown of Charles I

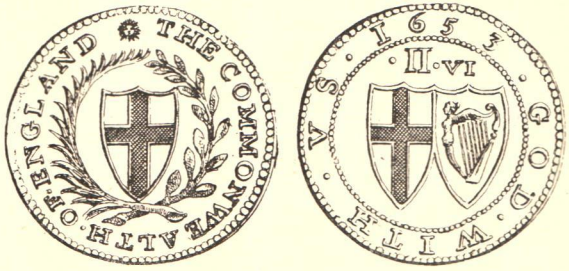
He produced one especially remarkable coin, that showing the king on horseback with a view of the city in the background. The Oxford mint remained open till the city fell in 1646, but Bushell was sent off in July 1643 to open a new mint at Bristol, which he maintained till the fall of that city in 1645 when he moved to Lundy Island. Other mints were also established at Truro, Exeter, Weymouth, Salisbury, Worcester, etc., for varying periods.

The last series of money of this reign were the siege pieces; these were mostly silver, and were struck at Carlisle, Colchester, Newark, Pontefract and Scarborough. These pieces were mostly cut from pieces of plate and stamped with a mark of value according to their weight,

Newark Half-Crown

but those issued at Newark and Pontefract were more regularly struck, mostly on lozenge-shaped blanks.

When the king left London, the Parliament seized the mint at the Tower and continued to strike coins bearing the king's portrait till 1646 when they ran short of bullion. The mint opened again under the Commonwealth, when we have a coinage for the first and last time with

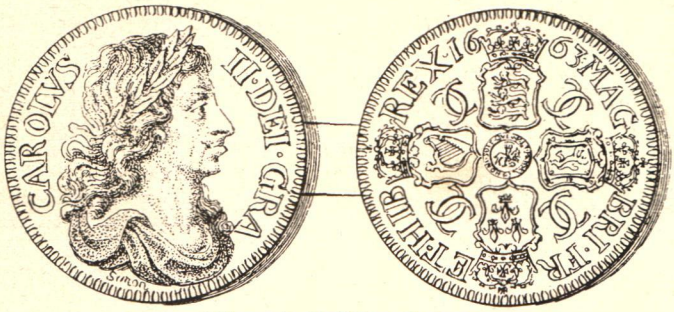


Half-Crown of the Commonwealth

the legends on both sides in English. A series of very fine coins, bearing on the obverse the portrait of Cromwell, were designed by Thomas Simon and beautifully struck in a press; it had been intended to issue these for circulation but for some reason they do not appear to have been issued as they usually turn up in first-class condition.

At the Restoration Charles II continued the old process of hammered money; these were from good dies made by Simon but very badly struck. In 1662 Peter Blondean re-introduced a milled coinage and used a collar for the edge; on the large coins this had words *Decus and Tutamen* (an ornament and a safeguard, i.e. against clipping) and

date or regnal year, on the other coins graining; these coins vary very little from those used today. The silver consisted of crown, halfcrown, shilling and sixpence, also fourpence, threepence, twopence and penny (weight 7 23/31 grains). The gold coinage was five guineas, two guineas, guinea and half-guinea. The earliest pieces were made from gold brought from Guinea by the Africa Company which provided the name for the gold coin of twenty shillings (weight 129 39/89 grains). The dies for the new milled coinage were engraved by Jan Roettiers, a native of Antwerp, who had been appointed a colleague to Simon at the Mint, as his father had rendered financial assistance to Charles in exile. He and Simon did not get on together and the latter appealed against the acceptance of Roettiers' dies. A trial of skill was ordered and they both produced new dies. Simon made his now famous "Petition Crown" and Roettiers the dies that were adopted in 1663, superb art having been defeated by personal feeling.



Simon's Petition Crown

On this piece there are two lines of legend (except for "Majesty") running around the edge:

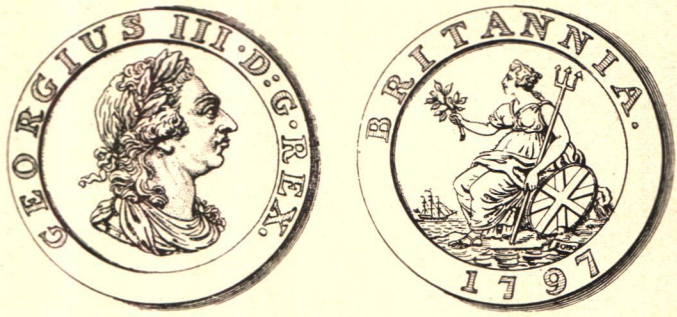
Thomas Simon . MOST . HVMBLY . PRAYS . YOUR . MAJESTY TO . COMPARE . THIS . HIS . TRYALL . PIECE . WITH . THE . DUTCH . AND . IF . MORE (second line) TRULY . DRAWN & EMBOSS'D . MORE . GRACE : FULLY . ORDER'D . AND . MORE . ACCVRATELY . ENGRAVEN . TO . RELIEVE . HIM

About fifteen specimens of this rare pattern are now known, of which six are in museums; it is one of the most sought after pieces and a first-class specimen would probably realise at least £750 today.

This reign saw the introduction of a proper regal copper coinage and in 1672 halfpennies and farthings were issued. The figure of Britannia was adopted for the reverse, copied from the Roman coin of Antoninus Pius, and the Duchess of Richmond sat as a model. At the end of the reign tin superseded copper; but these pieces had a copper plug in them, and this continued into the next two reigns, but in 1694 the mint resumed the striking of copper.

Early in the reign of George III regal coins of both silver and copper became very scarce which led to the revival of trade tokens. These were made in very large quantities by local authorities and trading firms; they were finally suspended in 1797 when a contract for a new copper coinage was given to Boulton of the Soho Mint, near

Birmingham. Previously the trouble with the official copper coinage had been its constant forgery, but the new pieces were of good weight, which made it unprofitable for the forgers to copy. The first coins to be made were the "cartwheel" twopence, containing 2 oz. of copper, and a similar penny. They were, however, too clumsy for ordinary use



Cartwheel Twopence of 1797

and in 1799 a halfpenny and a farthing were made. The twopence was not continued but the other three denominations were struck on many dates up to 1860. Half, third and quarter farthings were occasionally struck for use in some of the colonies and in 1842 the former was proclaimed as current in this country. After 1860 a bronze coinage took the place of the copper and they were of the same size and denomination as today and all are still current.

The gold coinage stayed the same until the last years of George III, except for the introduction of two new denominations. In 1718 and again in 1762 a quarter-guinea was struck, and in 1798 a third-guinea was first issued and retained till 1813, the date that the last guinea and half-guinea were struck. In 1817, sovereigns (weight 123.274 grs.) and half-sovereigns were first struck in their modern size and shape, with St. George and dragon on the reverse of the former, and were continued in most years for the next century. In a few years five pound and two pound pieces were also issued, usually in the first year of a new coinage.

As previously stated, there has been little change in the silver coinage since the days of Charles II. It is somewhat uncertain when the four small coins ceased to be struck for general use, but only for the Maundy ceremony, probably in the reign of George III. In 1836, fourpences with Britannia on the reverse were struck for circulation and threepences, the same as the Maundy threepence in 1845. A new denomination, the florin (2s.), was introduced in 1849, and from 1887-90 the double-florins were struck. The first florin was known as the "Godless" florin owing to the omission of DEI GRATIA or D.G. from the inscription. In 1816 the weight was slightly reduced from 93 grs. to 87¼ grs. for the shilling; silver coins from this date are still legal tender. In 1920/1, owing to the rise in the price of silver, the coinage was debased to only 50% silver, at which it had remained till 1946. Now no silver is being struck but halfcrowns, florins, shillings and sixpences are being made in cupro-nickel.

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FROM THE ARTIST

Since time immemorial man's behavior has been motivated by two major objectives. One is his desire to gather the fruits of his labor in

peace, dignity and freedom. The other has been to establish a bond of kinship between himself and his fellow man.

ABOUT THE ARTIST

Born in New York City, July 11th, 1904.

In 1920 began as an assistant in an Architectural Sculpture Studio. Devoted fifteen years to the design of architectural sculpture for federal, public, and private buildings throughout the country. In 1935 established my private studio.

In 1938 my entry sculpture was chosen winner in an international competition sponsored by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. I was awarded the commission to execute a heroic size Family Group for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company's exhibit at the New York World's Fair (1939-40).

My entry model themed "Wings For Victory, The Spirit of Aviation" was awarded first prize in a National competition sponsored by the Artists for Victory. This model was eight feet high.

In 1946 in a competition sponsored by the National Sculpture Society, for its members only, to submit designs for a medal entitled "Herbert Adams Memorial Award," my design won first prize. This medal was reduced to 2½" in diameter and is to be presented to persons who have contributed to the advancement of sculpture.

Other works: Eight life size sculptures for the Wilmington, North Carolina Courthouse; Terra Cotta "Potter," Crooksville, Ohio, Post Office; architectural sculpture for the Rundel Memorial, Rochester, New York; portrait plaque of "Charles W. Goodyear" Memorial Gateway, Bogalusa, Louisiana; Lasker Award for the Albert & Mary Lasker Foundation; portraits of Mr. Jack Baar, Statistician, Metropolitan Life Insurance Company and Mr. Carlo Pitello, Celist, Metropolitan Opera Company.

My work is exhibited at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, The Whitney Museum of American Art, The Pennsylvania Academy of Art, The National Academy of Art, etc.

Membership: National Sculpture Society (Council); Sculptor's Guild (Executive board); and Audubon Society.

DOMESTIC COINAGE EXECUTED BY VARIOUS MINTS DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1948

Denomination	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver	Total Value	Total Pieces
SILVER					
Half dollars	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Quarter dollars	$2,389,000.00	$1,015,000.00	$ 490,400.00	$3,894,400.00	15,577,600
Dimes	272,100.00	.....	821,100.00	1,093,100.00	10,931,000
Total silver	$2.661,000.00	$1,015,000.00	$1,311,500.00	$4,987,500.00	26,508,600
MINOR					
Five-cent pieces	$ 53,600.00	$ 340,000.00	$ 229,900.00	$ 623,500.00	12,470,000
One-cent pieces	533,400.00	1,350.00	216,725.00	751,475.00	75,147,500
Total minor	$ 587,000.00	$ 341,350.00	$ 446,625.00	$1,374,975.00	87,617,500
Total domestic coinage	$3,248,000.00	$1,356,350.00	$1,758,125.00	$6,362,475.00	114,126,100

RUBLES OF PETER THE GREAT

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Foreword

In the preparation of any work dealing with numismatics the writer cannot avoid pondering the fate of the men who were responsible for the coins which form the subject matter of his discussion. In the preparation of this particular article however, there is another human factor which became inseparably a part of any present-day study of Russian coins: the fate of the men from whom the author acquired his initial knowledge in numismatics — the fate of the numismatists of Russia, under the Soviet Regime.

The day the Soviet Government established itself in Russia, was the doomsday for all Russian coin collectors.

Numismatics was not a new hobby in Russia. During the reign of Catherine II (1762-1796) the number of coin collectors among the nobility was such, that some of them, being unable to obtain specimens of rare coins of preceding reigns, petitioned the empress to order the mint to strike the desired coins from original dies and their request was granted. During the 19th century the number of collectors increased considerably, many numismatic works were published, and by the time of the first World War, the hobby was very popular with the educated class in Russia. The beginning of the war in 1914 brought the order from the Russian Imperial Government to turn in all the gold. However, as in the U.S.A. coins of numismatic value or interest were excluded.

But the persecution of Russian numismatists began soon after Lenin and his followers seized power in October of 1917. One of the new government's early orders commanded collectors to surrender their coins to the nearest Soviet office, under severe penalties for failure to do so. In as much as the study of numismatics was very popular only among the intelligent class, which, almost without exception, had been hostile to bolshevik or communistic doctrines, the new rulers of Russia did not have to make any concessions or show any leniency.

Many of the Russian numismatists died in the White armies, trying to fight the spread of communism in Russia; many others were executed in the torture chambers of Cheka (Soviet Gestapo), or perished in the concentration camps. In a number of cases their only guilt was the possession of high school or college education. Only very few were fortunate enough to escape abroad.

In the early Twenties The Soviet Government established a so-called Numismatic Bureau for "Study of Numismatics." However, the actual reason behind this move was the necessity of cataloging and appraising the confiscated coin collections, prior to their sale abroad. Many of these collections are listed in auction catalogues and price lists of German coin dealers 1924-1928. The foreign currency realized from such sales was used for communistic propaganda abroad.

The science of numismatics no longer exists in the Soviet Union. According to the "proper" communistic point of view, it is nothing but "Capitalistic Folly" and "Bourgoise Hobby." Certainly, no right think-

ing Soviet citizen would ever stoop so low, as to collect some obsolete coins bearing portraits of former czars and sometimes having religious inscriptions as well.

Thus the present day study of Russian coins brings the inescapable conclusion that tyranny and despotism continue to flourish in this world in one form or another, and that barbarism has not, as yet, been relegated to ancient history.

Peter the Great

Russia was conquered by Mongolian hordes during the first half of the 13th century. The Russian princes were forced to pay tribute to Tartar Khans and Russia was kept isolated from the rest of Europe. Although, at the end of the 15th century the Tartar domination was overthrown, the Russians still continued to cling to ancient ways of life and to many oriental customs which had been acquired during the Mongol rule.

Such was the condition when, in 1672, Peter was born. Peter was son of the second czar of Romanoff's dynasty, Alexei Mikhailovitch, after whose death in 1676, Theodor, elder brother of Peter, inherited the throne. After Theodor's death in 1682, Peter was proclaimed czar, but his sister Sophia, with the support of "streltzy" (ancient Russian troops) compelled him to divide the rule with his feeble-minded brother Ivan, with herself as princess regent. During the seven years of Sophia's rule, Peter had no active voice in the affairs of the state, but spent his time with "Play Troops." These he organized and trained with the help of several foreign officers. He also frequented the foreign settlement in Moscow, where he learned much of Western Europe and its ways of life. In 1689 the followers of Sophia proclaimed her the sole ruler of Russia and tried to overthrow Peter. The revolt was frustrated, Sophia was banished into a monastery and Peter became the full czar of Russia.

In 1695 Peter tried unsuccessfully to take the Turkish port of Azov on the Black Sea. The following year however, by the use of new ships built under the direction of foreign masters, the port was captured. Selected men were then sent abroad to learn shipbuilding and other useful trades. A diplomatic mission was also sent into Western Europe, the czar himself being an incognito member. This mission visited Germany, Holland, England and Austria. Peter eagerly examined all the industries, especially those which pertained to naval science and to other useful trades. In some of these places he even worked as a helper, amazing everybody with his quickness in learning things.

In 1698, in his absence from Russia, another revolt took place and Peter immediately returned to Moscow. His two sisters Sophia and Martha, together with his wife Eudokia, who were the instigators of the trouble, were made nuns, while all the other participants in the plot were executed.

Then Peter started his struggle with ancient Russian customs and prejudices, which he knew were detrimental to his country's progress. One of the first orders prohibited the wearing of oriental robes and of beards. Beards were prohibited for the higher classes and for government officials and employees, while others could retain theirs only upon the payment of a tax, for which copper receipt tokens were issued. Some of these tokens bear the slogan "A beard is an additional burden."

A number of other important changes took place: the establishment of a police force, regulation of taxation, division of the country into gubernatorial districts and a number of measures for promotion of industry and trade. Russia, at that time, had no free access to the ocean. Although it possessed several points on the Black Sea, the only exit, Bosporus, was in Turkish hands. The Baltic shores, too, belonged to Sweden. Peter decided "to cut through the window into Europe" by taking from Sweden the shores of the Baltic. The war started in 1700 and at first the Russians met with several setbacks. Later, however, with Peter's "Play Troops" as the nucleus of the new army, the Swedes suffered a number of crushing defeats. At the peace treaty of 1721 the Baltic shores were ceded to Russia, after which Peter adopted the title of "Emperor." His war with Persia was also successful and resulted in the annexation of several important provinces along the shores of the Caspian Sea. In 1703 he founded on the Gulf of Finland a city, which became the new capitol of Russia — St. Petersburg.

Peter died in January, 1725, of pneumonia, which he contracted while rescuing drowning people from icy waters. During his whole life Peter was faced with numerous uprisings throughout the country, as a result of his new ideas. His sisters, his first wife and his son, who died in prison, sided with the "old way of life" party. In his private life Peter was a man of loose morals, cruel and without mercy even to his nearest relatives, but as a statesman, organizer and troop leader he is almost without equal.

In conclusion, because of its connection with the study of rubles, the following incident in Peter's life is cited, although its authenticity is by no means certain. Peter, who was a man of tremendous height and strength, was riding one day with several men of his staff, when his horse lost a shoe. Dismounting at a blacksmith shop in the next village, Peter ordered the blacksmith to make a horseshoe. "Let me see it," said Peter after the shoe was made and taking it in his hands he straightened it. "This horseshoe is no good, make me another one," he ordered, throwing the bent iron into a corner of the shop. Several other horseshoes met with similar fate before Peter was satisfied. After the work was completed, Peter threw the blacksmith a silver ruble. To Peter's amazement, the smith bent the coin in his hands and threw it into a corner saying, "This ruble is no good, give me another one." Several other silver rubles were treated in the same fashion, until Peter, taking the hint, gave the smith a gold piece.

Russian Coinage Before and During the Reign of Peter the Great

Among the many reforms introduced by Peter, was the establishment of regular coinage. Prior to his time, the czars of Moscow coined only the archaic denga (half kopeck) and kopeck. Both were of a very crude and irregular fabric and often of uncertain metal finess Peter's father Alexei Mikhailovitch tried to issue some larger denominations. Altin (three kopeck piece) was minted similar to denga and kopeck, while segments of European talers were counterstamped to pass for quarter ruble. The minting of half ruble was also tried, but only a very small number was produced in each case.

Alexei also made an attempt to coin rubles, but the amount actually struck was again very limited, and the mint, not even equipped to make silver blanks, had to coin these rubles over foreign talers. The foreign talers had a large circulation in Muscovite dominions under the name of "Yefimki" (singular — Yefimok) due to the absence of similar domestic currency. They were usually valued at 100 denga or 50 kopecks. During the reign of Alexei Mikhailovitch, the mint counterstamped a number of these talers, thus increasing their value to 64 kopecks.

Gold coinage for general circulation did not exist at all, such coins being struck only to be given as reward for distinguished military service, or for other outstanding services. Copper coinage had been attempted during Alexei's reign, but, due to improper handling by the authorities, these coins created such confusion in the country, that there resulted a so-called "copper rebellion," after which this venture was abandoned.

Peter the Great established uniform coinage in all metals. There was no abrupt change in Peter's coins, rather a gradual improvement during his reign. The first of Peter's rubles was coined in 1704 and no earlier ones exist, although some foreign sources mention these coins as early as 1701. No rubles prior to 1704 were known to Russian numismatists of the old times, who for a century and a half combed the whole country for any possible varieties of coins.

There are several hundred die varieties of Peter's rubles and it would not be practicable to list them all, so the author limited this monograph to the description of every different type and to yearly listings, making notations about some of the more outstanding die varieties.

RUBLES OF PETER THE GREAT

Note: Because of the printing difficulties, the slavic legends and dates are not incorporated in the text, but can be found at the end of the article.

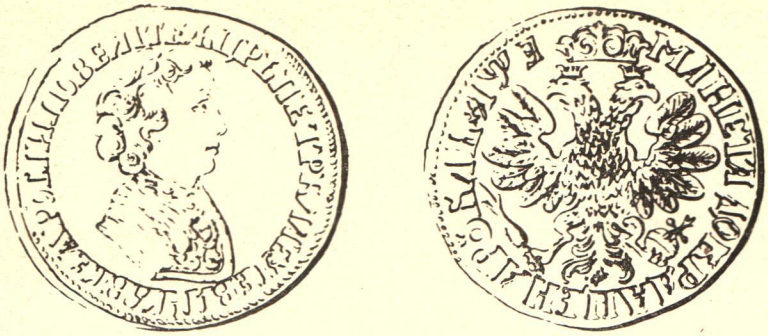
1. Ruble 1704

Obv. Leg.#1. (Czar Peter Alexievitch, Ruler of all Russia) Young bust in ornamental armor, bare head.

Rev. Leg.#2. (Good coin, price ruble 1704) Crowned double-headed eagle.

Edge: plain.

Many die varieties: With or without Moscow mint-mark (Leg.#3) under the eagle, Leg.#4 instead of Leg.#5, variation in crown, cracked die, etc. Quite a few of these early rubles were struck over foreign talers.



2. Ruble 1705

Obverse, reverse and edge are similar to #1, slavic date 1705.

Many die varieties: With or without Moscow mint-mark (Leg.#3) under the eagle, II-I under the eagle, E in date is turned around (Leg.#6), crown with open bottom, crown with or without pearles, etc.

3. Ruble 1707

Obv. Leg.#7. (Czar Peter Alexievitch, Ruler of all Russia) Bust in armor older and different than the preceding, laureated head.

Rev. Leg.#8. (Moscow ruble) Crowned double-headed eagle, the legend is over its upper part in a single line. Below the eagle is the slavic date divided by the tail.

Edge: plain

Several die varieties: No letter on the sleeve, letter H, letter G.

4. Ruble 1707

Obv. Similar to #3, somewhat different bust, H on the sleeve.

Rev. Leg.#8. (Moscow ruble) in two lines divided by the crown. Below the eagle is slavic date 1707 divided by the tail.

Edge: plain.

This type is very rare.

5. Ruble 1707

Obverse, reverse and edge are similar to #3, below the eagle is the modern date 1707.

Several die varieties: No letter on the sleeve, letter H, G, small crown between the words on obverse, larger bust, etc.

6. Ruble 1710

Obv. Leg.#7. Large bust.

Rev. Leg.#9. (Russian ruble 1710) Eagle, under the wings is the Moscow mint-mark (Leg.#3).

Edge: plain.

Die varieties with or without H on the sleeve. Very rare.

7. Ruble 1710

Obv. Leg.#7, somewhat different bust. H on the sleeve.

Rev. Leg.#10. (Good coin, price ruble 1710) Eagle, no mint mark.

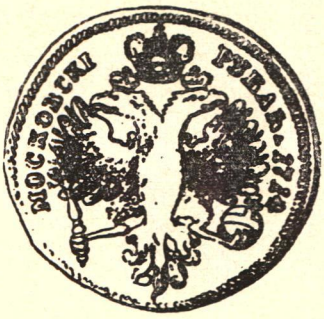
8. Ruble 1712

Obv. Leg.#11. (Czar Peter Alexievitch) Slender bust in armor with ornaments.

Rev. Leg.#12. (Moscow ruble 1712) Eagle.

Edge: plain.

Several die varieties: No periods in date, smaller head, open crown, etc.



9. Ruble 1714

Obv. Leg.#7. Bust in armor.

Rev. Leg.#12, but date 1714. Eagle.

Edge: plain.

This date is very rare. The variety with 4 over 3 in date is more common.

10. Ruble 1718

Obv. Leg.#13. (Czar Peter Alexievitch, Autocrat of all Russia) Bust in armor.

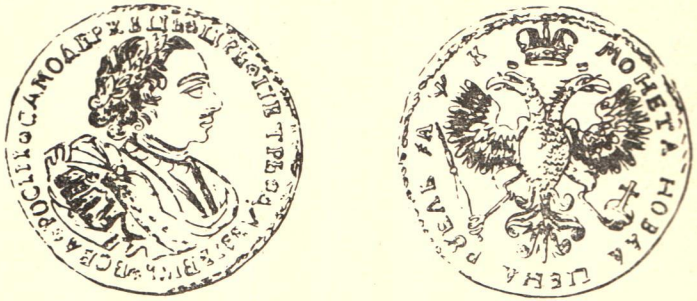
Rev. Leg.#14. (New coin, price ruble) Slavic date 1718, crowned double-headed eagle.

Edge: Leg.#15. (Legal Moscow ruble of denga coin mint 1718 I.L.)

Very large number of die varieties: Letters under the bust OK, KO, L on eagle's claw, smaller head, different ornaments in armor, one or two rows of rivets in armor, legend beginning below the bust, N in date instead of Leg.#16, MAHETA, MOHETA with O over A, date 1719 on edge, different spelling of edge inscription, etc.

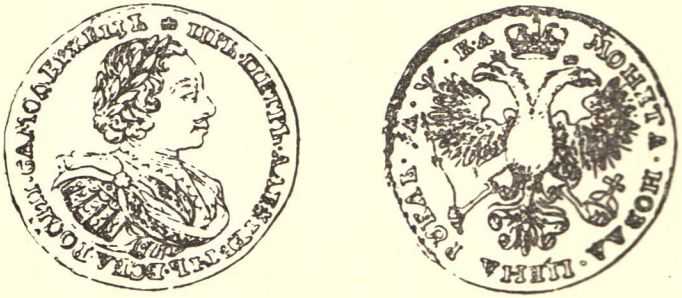
11. Ruble 1719

Obverse and reverse are similar to #10, slavic date 1719.
Edge: Leg.#17. (Legal Moscow ruble of denga coin mint 1719.)
Many die varieties: MAHETA, MOHETA with O over A, letters, OK, KO, on eagle's tail L, smaller head, different ornaments in armor, embroidered mantel, one or two rows of rivets in armor, L on eagle's right claw, eagle with large crown, different edge spelling, one has Leg.#18 instead of #19, etc.



12. Ruble 1720

Obverse, reverse and edge are similar to #11, slavic date 1720.
Many die varieties: Letters KO, OK, K, without letter, armor with or without ornaments and with or without rivets, larger or smaller crown, robe with or without buckle, palm leaf on the breast, rosettes instead of periods, edge with 1718, edge with many variations in spelling, etc.



13. Ruble 1721

Obverse, reverse and edge are similar to #11, slavic date 1721. Again a large number of die varieties similar to preceding.

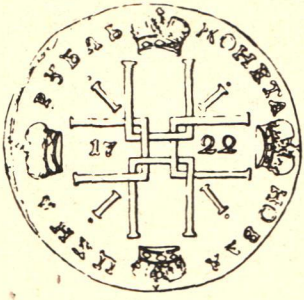
14. Ruble 1723

Obv. Leg.#13, different spelling. Bust in Roman armor with open neck.

Rev. Leg.#20. (New coin, price ruble 1720, 1723) Crowned double-headed eagle.

Edge: plain.

This ruble with two conflicting dates is called a pattern coin (?) by several authorities. Chaudoir, in his work on Russian coins, also mentions rubles with slavic dates 1722 and 1723 of bust and eagle type. Since no rubles of bust and eagle type were struck for circulation after 1721, these two coins listed by Chaudoir are rare trial or pattern pieces.



15. Ruble 1722

Obv. Leg.#21. (Peter Alexievitch Emperor and Autocrat of all Russia) Bust in armor, robe.

Rev. Leg.#22. (New coin, price ruble) Four crowned Russian P's in a form of a cross, inside of the two P's 17-22.

Edge: Leg.#23. (Russian ruble of coin mint.)

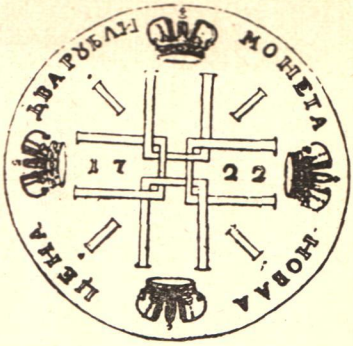
This new bust and cross type has also many die varieties: Different spelling in titles, different number of leaves in wreath, larger or smaller date, star above head, etc.

16. Two rubles 1722

Obv. Similar to #15.

Rev. Leg.#24. (New coin, price two rubles) Similar to #15.

Edge: braided.



This is a very rare pattern coin. Some restrikes exist, they have a plain edge.

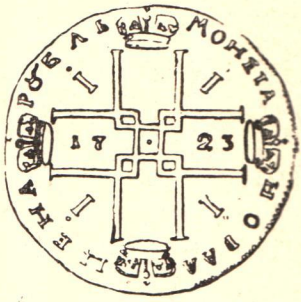
17. Ruble 1723

Obv. Leg.#21. Bust in Roman armor with open neck, on the breast is a double eagle with only two heads showing.

Rev. Similar to #15, 17-23.

Edge: Leg.#25. (Russian ruble of Moscow mint.)

Many die varieties: Different hair curls, different amount of laurel leaves, OK under the bust, etc.

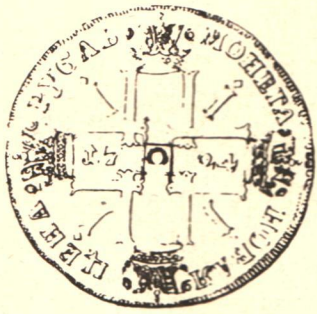


18. Ruble 1723

Obv. Leg.#21. Armor covers neck, eagle on the breast, ermine robe, chain and cross of St. Andrew's order, OK on the sleeve.

Reverse and edge are similar to #17.

Many die varieties: Large or small St. Andrew's cross, different number of jewels in its chain, rosettes instead of periods in titles, different spelling of titles, etc.



19. Ruble 1724. St. Petersburg mint

Obv. Leg.#26. (Peter I, Emperor and Autocrat of all Russia) Bust in armor, below is the St. Petersburg mint-mark (Leg.#27).

Rev. Leg.#28. (New coin, price ruble) Four Russian P's in a form of a cross, somewhat different than preceding. In the center is the star of St. Andrew's order, which looks like sun.

Edge: braided.

Prior to 1724 all the rubles were struck only at the Moscow mint. In 1724 St. Petersburg mint commenced its operation and the first type issued at the new mint acquired the name "sun ruble," due to its reverse.

Again a number of die varieties: With or without OK under the bust, different spelling of titles, different punctuation, open or covered neck, different hair ribbons, etc.

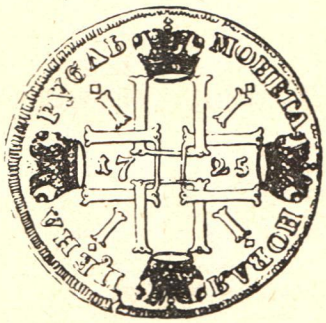
20. Ruble 1724. Moscow mint

Obv. Similar to #17.

Rev. Similar to #19, no star in the center.

Edge: Leg.#29. (Russian ruble of Moscow mint.)

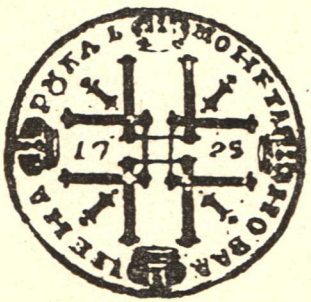
Many die varieties similar to preceding: Roman armor with open neck, with or without OK under the bust, different punctuation, variations in spelling of edge inscription, etc.



21. Ruble 1725. St. Petersburg mint

Obverse, reverse and edge are similar to #19, date 1725.

Many varieties: With or without the star (sun) in the center, with or without necktie, star over head, cloverleaf, different number of rivets in armor, cross above the head, different spelling of titles, one with Leg.#30, etc.



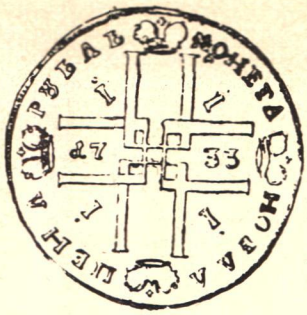
22. Ruble 1725. Moscow mint

Obv. Similar to #17.

Rev. Similar to #20, date 1725.

Edge: Similar to #20.

Several varieties: Roman armor with or without OK, dots instead of scales on armor, dots below I's on reverse, etc.



23. Ruble 1733

Obverse and reverse are similar to #17. Bust in Roman armor, edge lettered.

This ruble with anachronistic date is called a pattern by Petrov, while some other sources claim that this coin is an imitation of Peter's ruble by some Caucasian nation.

Prices of Certain Rubles of Peter the Great

As valued by Russian numismatists at the beginning of 20th century.

In order to give some indication of the degree of scarcity of the rubles described in this monograph, below are shown approximate prices of some die varieties. The quotations are in U.S. dollars. At that time the Russian ruble was equal to approximately 50 cents in U.S. money.

1. No mint mark – $3.50, Moscow mint mark – $7.50, Moscow mint mark and cracked die – $17.50, crown without pearls – $30.00
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4. Very rare – $250.00
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6. Very rare – $250.00
7. – $15.00
8. Different varieties – $4.00 to $10.00
9. 1714 – $150.00, 4 over 3 – $25.00
10. No letters, OK, OKL, regular date – $2.50, N in date, OKL with small date, small head – $5.00, KO – $3.50, no rivets in armor – $10.00
11. OK many varieties – $2.00 to $5.00, OK ILL – $3.00, L – $12.50
12. KO – $5.00, OK, no letters, many varieties – $1.50 to $10.00
13. K, no letters – $1.50
14. Very rare – $150.00
15. $2.00, robe with sharp angle beyond shoulder – $10.00
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17. Common varieties – $1.25
18. OK with small St. Andrew's cross – $1.25, large cross lying flat on the breast – $25.00
19. "Sun rubles" – $2.50, protruding hair ribbon – $25.00
20. No letters – $1.25, OK – $3.50
21. Common varieties – $2.50 to $5.00, scarce – $10.00 to $20.00
22. No letters – $1.25, OK – $3.00
23. – $50.00

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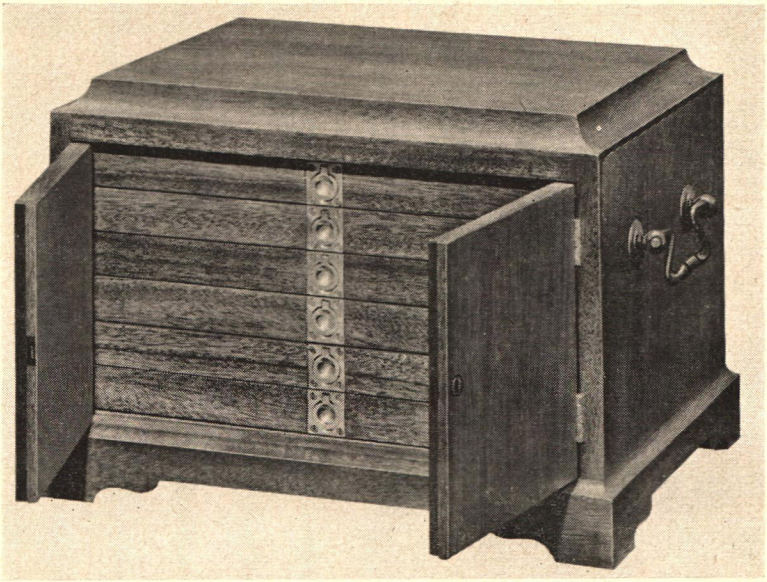

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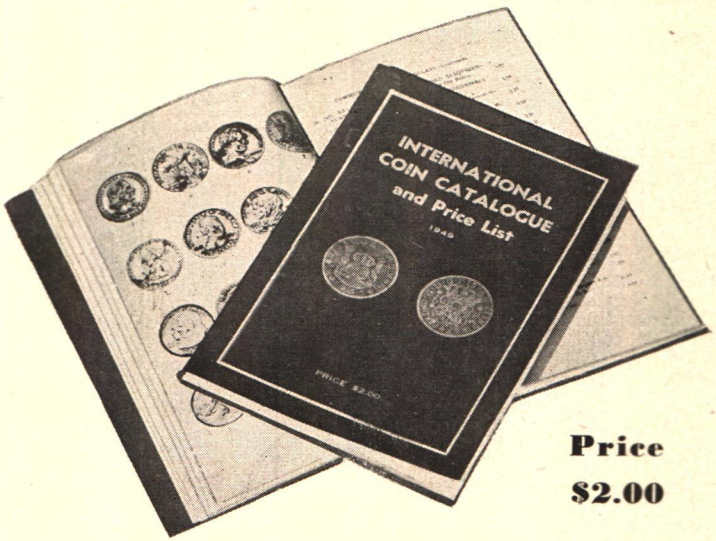

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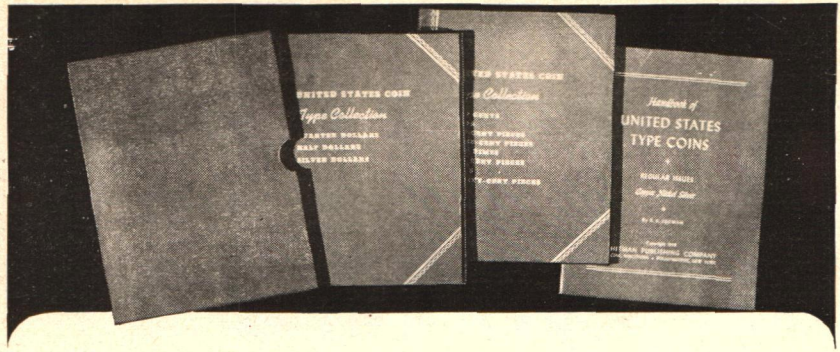

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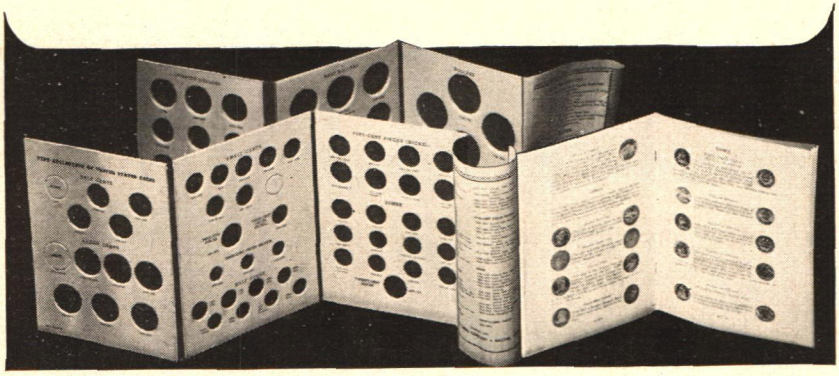

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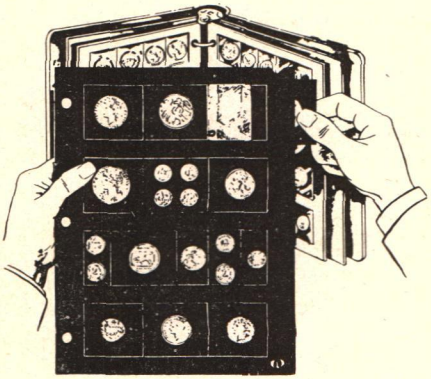

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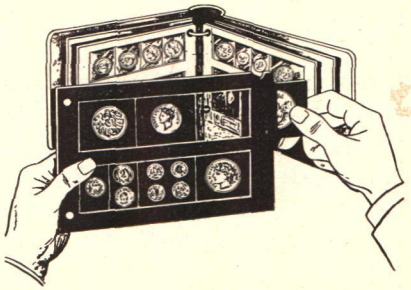

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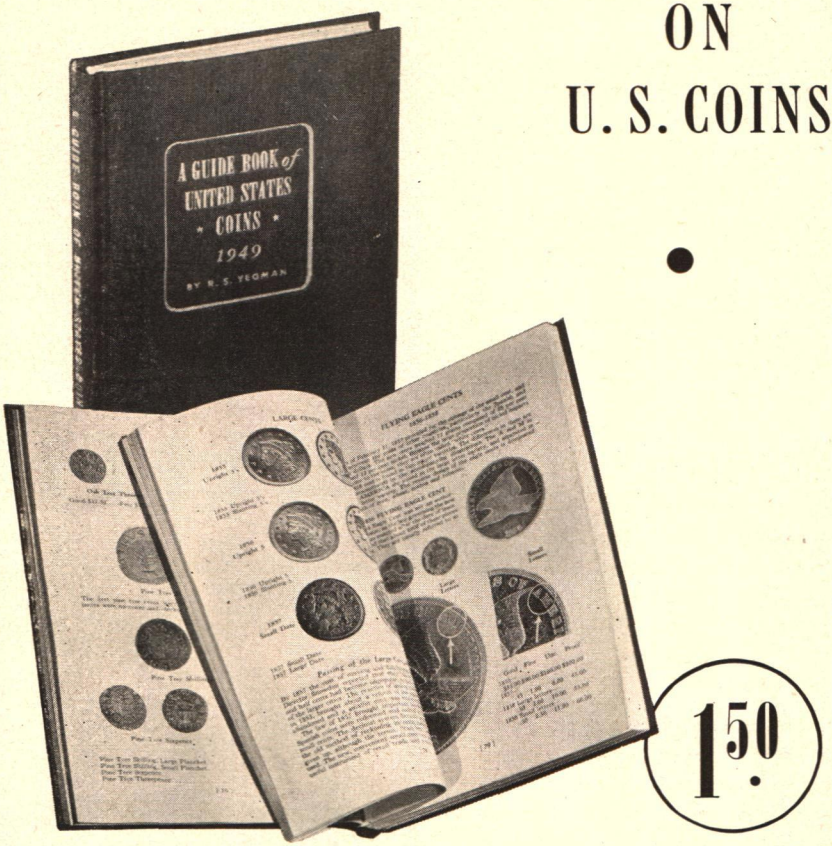

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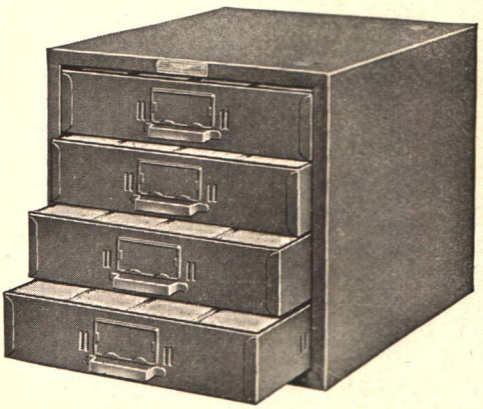

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43	1940 ...	6.10	100	1945-S	11.40
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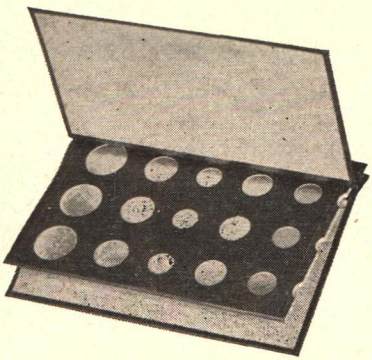

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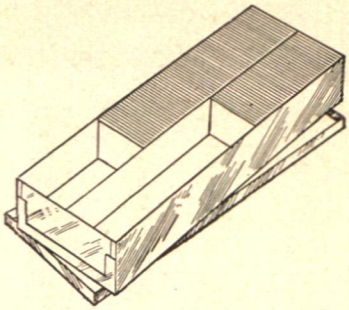

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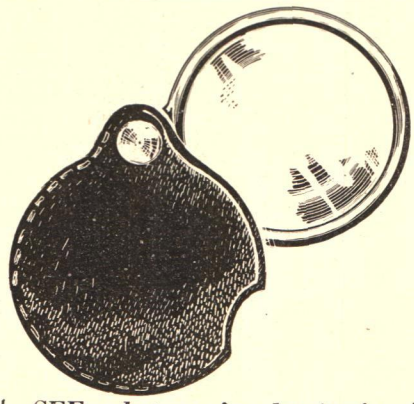

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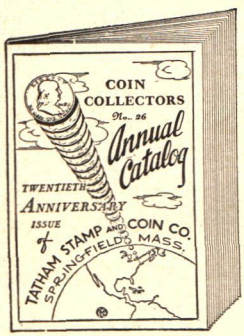

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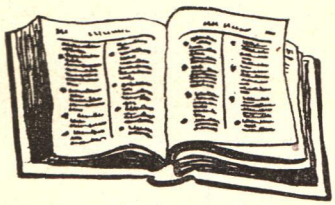

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Obituaries

CHARLES H. FISHER, A.N.A. 2146

On January 16, 1949, Charles H. Fisher of Cleveland, Ohio, died in St. Luke's Hospital. He was 73.

For the last 25 years Mr. Fisher operated a coin business from his office in the Guardian Building in Cleveland. His public coin sales, which until recent years were held frequently, attracted collectors from all parts of the country. Charles was a charming and generous host and deeply respected by those who knew him.

At the time of his death he resided at 823 Prospect Avenue, N.W. He had been twice married, first in 1899 to Miss Eva Gunion, who died in 1917, and then in 1919 to Mrs. Anna Rosenberg, who died in 1920.

Chester Henry Fisher of Brecksville, the child of his first marriage, and John Montrose Fisher of Detroit, the child of his second, three grandchildren, and a sister, Mrs. Thomas Hamley of Geauga Lake, survive him.

Following Masonic services he was buried in Acacia Cemetery.

HENRY HERING

Henry Hering, sculptor, died on January 15, 1949, at the age of 74. He studied in Paris during the nineties, having as fellow students no less famous sculptors than Adolph Weinman and Charles Keck, with whom he maintained a lifelong friendship. He was the best man at Mr. Weinman's wedding.

His best known works were statues, several of which are in Indianapolis. His "Pro Patria," a bronze casting twenty-two feet high, is the central figure of Indiana's War Memorial there. He also executed much of the architectural sculpture at the Field Museum of Natural History, the Industrial Arts Building and the Union Station in Chicago. While his work included many medallions, there are no particularly outstanding numismatic items. However, as a protege of Augustus St. Gaudens, he was responsible for the execution and completion of the eagle and double eagle issued by the United States government in 1907. Despite opposition from officials at the mint, these coins were issued in time to be presented to Mr. St. Gaudens before his death. A further story about the historical background of the issue of these coins will be published in *The Numismatist* at a later date.

Several of the members of the executive board of the Association had the experience, at the time of the 1945 executive board meeting which was the wartime substitute for an annual convention, of visiting his studio across the street from the Empire State Building. It will be recalled that an army bomber struck the building in the fog and one of its motors and a gasoline tank passed completely through the skyscraper. After coming out on the other side, they crossed the street and penetrated the roof of the Waldorf Building, falling into Mr. Hering's studio and exploding there at a time when he was not present. The fire and explosion caused incalculable damage, and the board members saw much of the debris after the Army officials had removed what was government property. Mr. Hering also told them about the accident and about some of his works. — MARTIN F. KORTJOHN

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We regret to report the death of Bob Ellison of Petaluma, Calif., on October 31, 1948. Though not in health for several years his death comes as a profound shock to his immediate family and many friends.

A native of Camas, Washington, he was 31 years of age.

He was interested in a number of hobbies, devoting considerable time to them. In pursuit of his especial interests he was a member of the Petaluma Cinema Club, the Rail Fans Club of Oakland, and the American Numismatic Association.

Funeral services were held at Mount Funeral Chapel and interment at Cypress Hill Memorial Park.

DR. GEORGE J. KASTLIN, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dr. George J. Kastlin, 48, blood specialist and Pitt Medical School professor, died January 28, 1949, in the Pittsburgh Presbyterian Hospital.

Dr. Kastlin was an active member of the Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society and specialized in medical medals.

He was a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and Medical School, and had been a staff member of Presbyterian and St. Margaret's Hospitals for years. He was a veteran of World War II and associated with numerous hospitals and faculty representative on health phases of cyclotron work.

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It takes us back to the days of the famed Comstock boom days when everyday laborers and common folk became wealthy — some even millionaires — almost overnight, from the riches of the Nevada silver mines and the stock trading that went with it. Out of this too came the fortune that made the Palace Hotel a reality. The story of its planning and construction reads like a fairy tale, but nevertheless is merely recording factual day-to-day activities that were taken in their stride by its builder William Chapman Ralston, whose activities in San Francisco just about included everything.

The present day Palace Hotel is the one that rose from the ruins of the earthquake-fire of April, 1906, and even today, with its "new look" from the outside, from the inside reflects the dignity and poise the name implies, and the air of its fame of the past.

Facing on New Montgomery St. at Market, between Second and Third, it stands opposite one of the golden days' business street of San Francisco — Montgomery, now known in financial circles as the "Wall Street of the West." Looking across Market St. down Montgomery St., your eyes take you past California's first National Gold Bank (now Crocker First National), the West's oldest bank of continuous service (Wells Fargo Bank), the Russ Bldg., San Francisco's tallest and the site of the famed hotel Russ House, the world's largest private bank — Bank of America, an achievement of only 45 years, past the corner near which the original S. F. Mint opened in 1854, and on into the famous North Beach area from whence San Francisco's many famous Major League stars have come. If you could but see over Telegraph Hill — site of the old signal tower which reported arriving ships — you would see the famed "Rock." This is just a sample of the innumerable items of popular interest to tourists and even to San Franciscans too, for they never tire of such interesting items.

While you bestir yourselves to the thrill that awaits you in San Francisco with its attractions, the Convention work goes on and the Committee line-up now in operation is as follows: Honorary Chairman, Loyd B. Gettys; Honorary Co-Chairman, Farran Zerbe (Founder of your Host, P.C.N.S.); Honorary Secretary, Lewis M. Reagan; General Chairman, Edward Fogler; Assistant Chairmen: Dr. Calvert L. Emmons, Sidney J. Haas, Jack Hecht, Roy Hill, Kenneth W. Lee, Leonel C. Panosh, Earl A. Parker, David L. Redfield; Finance Director, Chas J. Knabenschuh; Convention Committee Headquarters, 717 Sutter St., San Francisco 9, Calif.

Hotel rooms and rates that will be available for A. N. A. members attending this Convention (several good hotels close by the Palace being included) will be outlined in the April *Numismatist,* so those of you who need such accomodations will please make your desires known immediately after publication, so those in charge can give your housing problems proper care.

Exhibition and Bourse spaces will also be outlined in detail in the April *Numismatist,* together with any rules of guidance the Committees will need to do their task efficiently and in an orderly manner. Exhibition space is of course free to A. N. A. members in good standing, so get ready to let us know what we can expect from you. Bourse spaces will be of various set-up and location and priced accordingly. Dealers are urged to speak up for Bourse spaces immediately after publication of details in April. Wm. H. Smith will be in charge of Bourse spaces, while Roy Hill has been assigned the Exhibition.

The weather in San Francisco in August is most comfortable, and such that you will not have to give time to anything but doing the things you come for — see coins, maybe buy or sell coins, meet your old numismatic acquaintances and to make many new ones, see the fabulous sights and to just bask in the California atmosphere. What could be better for a vacation?

ANNUAL BANQUET OF THE LOS ANGELES COIN CLUB

This club celebrated its majority the night of February 4 at an annual banquet held at Eaton's Wilshire Cafe, attended by 51 members and guests. Arrangements and program were again in the capable hands of Adolph Larson, Jr., president emeritus. Edward N. Soule again honored us with his presence and several of his choice songs. The applause he received proved him to be our club's most popular baritone. Adolph, whose wit was as sharp as a blue blade, acted as toastmaster and installed the following officers for 1949: President, A. P. Gasser; vice president, Elmer Hess; secretary, Jack W. Ogilvie; treasurer, Dr. Chas. Harbeck; governors, Geo. Bennett and Earl K. Stanton.

Speakers for the evening were many and their subjects ran from the ridiculous to the sublime. Michael Carey's quick and witty response to his extemporaneous request . . . Earl Stanton's satirical paper . . . Dr. Harbeck's solo, "McGinnis' Harem," will be remembered for their comedy. On the more serious side were Geo. Bennett, Sam Kabealo, S. M. Koeppel and topped by President A. P. Gasser's opening address. Leonel Panosh, president of the San Diego Club and secretary of the California State Association, accompanied by his wife, was the only out-of-town visitor, and put in a plug for both of his organizations. Karl Brainard and Harry Davidson invited us to the Bay Cities Club meetings and Paul Weiger did likewise for his Pasadena Club.

Charter members present were Harbeck, Larson, Carey and Laible. The

last two are also senior members of the American Numismatic Association with numbers 382 and 910, both recently honored with 25-Year Continuous Membership Medals and are almost eligible for the 50-Year Gold Award. Newest member present was number 333, Karl Brainard. Our job for the ensuing year is to get the living remainder of the 228 intervening members who are not now active back into the fold.

— JACK W. OGILVIE, Secretary

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY CELEBRATES 70 YEARS OF NUMISMATIC ACTIVITY

On November 20, 1948, the members of the Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society celebrated the 70th anniversary of the club with a special meeting and grand banquet at the Pittsburgher Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pa.

The toastmaster, the Rev. Paul McBride Gillis, was introduced by the president, Robert S. Porter.

Sidney K. Eastwood presented a historical sketch of the club's activities over the last 70 years.

William W. Woodside and Early Coatsworth presented short papers on numismatic subjects. Members exhibited their choicest items and created much interest.

— REV. PAUL McBRIDE GILLIS

OFFICIAL CALL FOR NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS FOR 1949-1950

All nominations of officers shall be sent to the General Secretary. All such nominees shall be notified of their nominations and requested to advise the General Secretary of their decision.

The 1949 convention will be held in San Francisco, California, August 21-24. Nominations will close 60 days prior to August 21, 1949.

The official ballot will contain only those who accepted the nomination in writing on or before June 22, 1949.

Nominations may be made by any member in good standing.

— LOYD B. GETTYS, *President*

MEDAL OF THE NORTHWEST PAPER COMPANY

To commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the operations of the Northwest Paper Company, 1898-1948, a handsome bronze medal was struck late in 1948.

The accompanying illustration, which is actual size, shows on the obverse a member of the Canadian Northwest Mounted Police from which is derived one of the trade-mark names "Mountie" which marks the company's products. In the background are coniferous trees, symbolic of the Northwest and also the principal source of the company's raw material.

In lower left field is a compass card and to the right is a circle enclosing the letter W representing the Weyerhaeuser Company which owns the Northwest Paper Company.

The Medal was designed by Rene Chambellan of New York. He is considered one of the country's outstanding contemporary sculptors.

MEDAL OF THE NORTHWEST PAPER COMPANY

THE COINAGE OF CHRISTIAN X OF DENMARK

By EMILY LARSON BROOKES, Phoenix, Arizona

Christian X of Denmark reigned in an interesting period of history. His coinage naturally would depict the times of his reign, and so it shows the effect of two world wars and a depression on his country's currency.

Christian X was born September 26, 1870, at Charlottelund Castle near Copenhagen. He was the eldest son of King Frederick VIII and of Louise, Princess of Sweden and Norway. In 1898 he married Alexandrine, Duchess of Macklenburg-Schwerin. He was crown prince in 1906, and on May 15, 1912, he became King of Denmark. He was King of Iceland, too, until 1919, when he signed an act of Parliament granting Iceland independence. He continued, however, to rule Iceland as a separate kingdom until May, 1941, when Iceland voted to separate from Denmark. In 1946 Iceland became a Republic. Christian X died April 20, 1947, at Amalienborg Castle in Copenhagen.

There was only one slight change in the denominations of his coinage from his father's, and that is Frederick VIII had a franc and a two franc piece for use in the Danish West Indies, whereas Christian X had a five bit bronze piece. This is the last piece of money coined by Denmark for use in the West Indies, as in 1916 Denmark concluded a treaty with the United States, ceding the Danish West Indies for $25,000,000. Other denominations of Danish currency are the same as formerly, and consist of 1 ore, 2 ore and 5 ore pieces in bronze; 10 ore and 25 ore pieces in silver; and 10 and 20 kroner pieces in gold. To these coins, similar to those of the preceding king, are added several coins individual to the reign of Christian X. Among these are the nickel 10 and 25 ore pieces; the one-half, 1 and 2 kroner pieces in aluminum bronze; the iron 1, 2 and 5 ore pieces; the zinc and aluminum pieces; and the 1 and 2 kroner silver pieces, the usage of which was revived from the coinage of Christian IX. Too, the coins of Christian X are of the holed type as well as the regulation solid type. It is by these changes in metal that we can trace what happened to the country, for they were the results of necessity. Several commemorative silver two kroner pieces were issued during Christian X's reign, also, as they were during the reign of his grandfather.

Denmark's coins are minted in the Copenhagen mint; the heart on Danish coins is the mintmark for that mint. There are 100 ore to a krone, and ordinarily a kroner is worth approximately twenty-five cents in United States currency. The wheat and dolphin shown on Danish coins illustrate primary industries of Denmark, and the "hearts" in the arms represent the many islands which comprise Denmark. The motto of Christian X was "My God, My Land, and My Honor." (It aptly describes the character of the man.)

William Burchard Poulsen was the mintmaster in Copenhagen's mint until 1919 when Hans Christian Nielsen became mintmaster. The initials VBP and HCN represent these men. Knud Gunner Jensen was the designer of medals and coins, and his initials GJ are on many of the coins of Christian X. His initials are still on some current coins

of Denmark because those coins were designed by him. Andreas Frederik Vilhelm Hansen, who uses the initials AH, has been assistant to Gunner Jensen since 1908. Harold Salomon is the present designer, and his initials HS, or S, appear on Danish coins as early as 1937. Another initial on Danish coins is N, which stands for N. P. Nielsen, mintmaster since 1928.

Denmark's possessions included the Faroe Islands, which in 1946 were declared fully independent from Denmark, and Greenland, which is the sole remaining possession of the tiny country. Iceland, the Faroe Islands and the West Indies became Danish possessions when Norway joined Sweden in 1814 and Denmark accepted the Norwegian dependencies. These possessions had a coinage separate from that used in Denmark, but that is another story.

The commemorative coins of Christian X are the two kroner silver pieces, and the first one was, as is usual in Denmark, struck upon the death of Frederick VIII and the ascension of Christian X as king. These coins are unusual in that they are double-headed — with the old king's portrait on the reverse and the new king's portrait on the obverse. The next commemorative coin celebrates the silver wedding of King Christian and Queen Alexanderine in 1923 and the busts of both, with Denmark's coat of arms, crowned, on the reverse. The third commemorative coin was for Christian X's sixtieth birthday, and has his portrait, with a beautiful reverse of the entire Danish coat of arms, with wildmen supporters, and the Order of the Elephant. The next commemorative was to celebrate Christian X's twenty-fifth year of reign in 1937 and, again, shows his portrait, with the Danish arms, crowned, on the reverse. The last commemorative coin struck during the reign of Christian X was to celebrate his seventy-fifth birthday in 1945 and shows his portrait on the obverse, with the dates 1870-1945 wreathed, and two kroner and the motto "Eet med sit folk i sorg som i seir," which means "One with his people in sorrow as in victory." Remember in 1945 the Nazis had occupied Denmark. The usual coin struck upon the death of a king of Denmark was not struck in 1947 due to a lack of silver. A bronze medal was struck instead of the usual coin.

In the first World War of 1914-1918 Denmark issued iron coins in 1, 2 and 5 ore denominations. Bronze and copper coins disappeared as well as the silver coins. These iron pieces substituted for the regular minor coinage. In 1919 they were retired, as well as the emergency paper money which had been issued during the war years. The iron pieces were designed by Knud Gunner Jensen, and bear the initials of the director of the mint at that time, Vilhelm Buchard Poulsen. All have CX, crowned on the obverse, and the Copenhagen heart mintmark; the reverses all have the various numerical denominations.

The necessity paper monies of this period were two. Both pieces were of one kroner value. The first type was in use from 1914-1920; the second was in use from 1916-1921. The reddish paper of the first note was disliked by the Danes because it wore badly and became dirty easily. Besides the Danes felt it was not backed sufficiently by the Danish Government. This note is signed by D. Lange and Bing. The second issue of emergency paper money during the period of the first World War was made of a greenish-blue paper and was signed by D. Lange and Reche. The Danes had until 1928 to redeem these notes

which were first issued in 1916. Before 1914, Denmark had had no notes smaller than a five kroner note.

During the early 1920's Denmark had difficulties with her economic situation, and in 1922 had a crisis in which the rapid depreciation of her currency became the leading political question of the day. Iceland demanded to become an independent state under the patronage of Denmark and demanded its own coinage since the Danish kroner was quoted low at the time. In 1924 the Danish kroner fell to ⅔ of its gold value. In 1924 the government passed a measure to secure a slow rise; in November 1926, the kroner had practically reached its full gold value. Denmark had been on the gold standard since 1873, but went off the gold standard in 1931, together with the other Scandinavian countries. During this period of uncertain economics for Denmark a new metal was used for the 1 and 2 kroner pieces — aluminum bronze, and from 1924 to 1926 a 50 ore piece was struck in the same metal, but was unpopular since it was confused with the 2 ore pieces. It was the first time the one-half kroner was struck in a coin of that particular size. In 1920 the small silver ten ore and 25 ore pieces were replaced with larger size nickel pieces of the same denominations. These nickel coins were holed along in 1924; the bronze coins were holed in 1926. In 1926, too, encased postage stamps, issued for ten ore, were made by the Danish Postmaster, with an advertisement of the American Tobacco Company in Copenhagen on the reverse. The company leased the "ad" privilege from the government and paid for the manufacturing of the covers, which were circular and of celluloid.

The next serious change in Danish currency occurred during the second World War when 1 ore, 2 ore and 5 ore zinc coins were struck and replaced the usual bronze coins. These coins were not holed, and have CX, crowned on the obverse, and the denomination encircled by a wreath with "ore" underneath it on the reverse. Aluminum 2 ore and 5 ore pieces were struck during this period, also, and were not holed, but were struck identical to the zinc coins of the same denominations. Zinc 10 ore and 25 ore coins were issued, both of which were holed and have CX-R on the obverse, and the denomination on the reverse. An aluminum bronze portrait 1 kroner piece was struck in 1946, too, the first portrait coin made of aluminum bronze.

During World War II there were 2000 Danish and 2000 Norwegian soldiers picked for occupation duties in Germany, and the Danish Brigade used notes of 5 ore, 10 ore, 25 ore and 1 krone as currency. They read in the Danish language which translated is "This note must only be used as a medium of payment within the Danish Brigade Military Establishment, according to given regulations made by Order of the Kingly Danish War Ministry." The obverse has the Danish arms, denomination, "Den Danske Brigade," and the information on it; reverse has a CXR background design with the denomination, and the information in English and German. The Allied Supreme Command issued notes for use in Denmark in denominations of 25 ore, 1, 5, 10, 50 and 100 kroner notes. Although printed, they were not used. Translated, they read, "Made and authorized by the Allied High Command for use in Denmark."

Encased postage stamps were used again in the second World War, in Denmark, as currency. They were used by large commercial houses

due to the shortage of small change caused by the Germans withdrawing all the Danish copper and bronze they could find. A regular issue of Danish postage stamps was used which was backed with cardboard and covered with cellophane. The reverse has an advertisement of some store on it. No one is responsible for their redemption.

To finance the underground, during the war, Danes bought and wore small medals with the Danish cross, crowned and CX, 1870-1940 (or succeeding annual dates) on them — the women's medal had a bar-pin on it and the men's was made to wear in a buttonhole. They were sold annually and the date of the year they were sold is on them, as the date changed accordingly for each year. The monies paid for them bought necessary equipment and supplies for the Danish underground. When Germany seized Denmark's copper and bronze, the Danes had ornaments made of the 1 ore, 2 ore and 5 ore coins, tied together with ribbons in Denmark's colors, red and white, with a tiny safety pin attached, so the "ornament" could be worn. A mark of defiance, yet it kept as much as possible of the precious copper and bronze out of the Germans' hands.

The Communists in Denmark, too, were busy. They put a hammer and sickle through the lower part of the numeral 5 on some of the 5 ore coins of Denmark, so the Russian emblem was complete on the Danish 5 ore pieces. Danish coins are not allowed to be defaced, so these coins are not redeemable, but were defaced for propaganda purposes only, by Danish Communists.

Now Christian X is dead, and his son is Denmark's present king. A more beloved king Denmark never had than Christian X because of his friendliness, simplicity and loyalty to Denmark. Unfortunately, the changes in Denmark's coinage during his reign show only the economic problems with which Denmark had to deal during the difficult years of two major wars and a great depression. It is doubtful that any neutral country during the last war lost more than did Denmark, who lost her possessions of the Faroe Islands and Iceland, as well as her markets of Germany and England and a great deal of her goods of dairy products, etc. Her economy was ruined by the Germans taking her goods and using their money in payment for them. And her pride was hurt in that, for the first time in her history, she was over-run by another country. The spirit of her king throughout these difficult years helped the Danes to keep their courage and to do their best under all circumstances.

COMING NUMISMATIC EVENTS

Convention of the Ohio State Numismatic Society, March 26-27

National Coin Week, April 22-28

Central States Convention, May 13-15

A.N.A. 1949 San Francisco Convention, August 21-24

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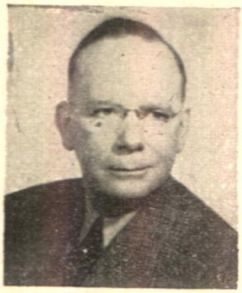


STARTING A COIN CLUB

Advantages

Meetings generally are foolish and wasteful unless preceded by a clear-cut statement of their potentialities and of their advantages to those in attendance. It is not easy to assemble a group for a specific purpose, but once assembled, the function of its organizer is to convince his hearers of two things: the good or evil of the item under discussion and the benefits to those concerned. Starting a coin club is subject to these basic promotional notions. We numismatists may very well ask: What advantage is there in starting a coin club? The question is reasonable, for one does not start a club unless it is apparent that some good will result, either to oneself or to others.

To answer the question, I may say that a coin club has many advantages, not the least of which are:

1. *Camaraderie.* No specialist is immune from the desire to communicate with others of his kind whether artist, numismatist, carpenter, etc., and to share mutual enthusiasms. No one is so unhappy as the chess player in a town of non-chess players, or the solitary numismatist or the unknown philatelist. All of us wish to admire and be admired; to appreciate works of excellence, and to have our own accomplishments appreciated. We numismatists are no exception.

2. *Knowledge.* All men, without exception, hunger after knowledge. None will deny that many stimulating contacts, discussions, tips, suggestions are the natural accompaniment of coin club meetings. Experience continually demonstrates that even the brightest person can learn something from the dullest. The numismatist does not live who cannot learn from the youngest numismatic amateur.

3. *More Collectors.* Once a club is organized, it will continue to attract new members, and perhaps to revive the interest of lagging collectors, and probably bring in some "fallen-away" collectors.

4. *Economic Gain.* We live in a factual world. We ought not to deceive ourselves in any of our motives. There is no doubt that the more collectors there are the greater is the value of collectors' items. Therefore, to state the matter candidly, *the more collectors the more valuable my own collection.*

5. *Pleasure.* Finally, we ought not overlook the fascination and real pleasure of coin-collecting as a preoccupation in itself. There are many aspects from which to select a specialty.

How to Start

Once the desire for a club is apparent, a few hints for its organizing may be offered. Make out a list of all persons in your city and neighboring towns who had or have an interest in coins, medals, and currency. This list should include those as far away as thirty or forty miles, for experience has shown that out-of-towners will not be deterred by distance if the attraction is adequate. Contact each, first by mail in which the broad plan of the club is stated and then by phone. The phone contact could be made a little more urgent under the valid excuse of wanting to know how many are going to be present at the organization meeting to allow the food committee to estimate the refreshments needed. In both mail and phone contact ask each candidate to bring along others who may be interested. Make it clear that the club is open to men and women and to juniors between 16 and 21.

The Meeting

A few minutes study of the basic rules for conducting a meeting will be invaluable. The Librarian at your local library will gladly supply you with manuals on parliamentary procedure. Procedures vary with the

group and locale, but ordinarily once the group has assembled and is ready to convene anyone, (probably the initiator of the club) can act as a temporary chairman until a permanent chairman is elected. The first duty of the temporary chairman will be to appoint a nominating committee who will select a slate of candidates for the needed offices to be presented to the meeting for their vote. After the voting the permanent chairman takes over. His first duty will be to appoint committees for the naming of the club, writing up its by-laws, exhibits, programs, auctions, etc.

Thereafter the order of business will follow the pattern set out by the Committee on By-Laws.

A few "Musts"

The program committee should urge every member to give a short talk or paper on some phase of collecting. Everyone has something of importance to say and none will want to pass up his turn at presenting a paper or talk. For absolute beginners a few remarks on why they became collectors or joined the club should be acceptable. The program committee can settle on the time allotted for these talks.

A spot should be found on some group or committee for every member. In this way each member becomes vitally interested in the success of his club. It is fatal to the club if one person is allowed to monopolize the club. It must be a democratic unit, with all members participating by voice and deed in its operation. Officers, especially, must be considerate of all opinions even though some seem unwise. The body of members in open meeting will generally be on the conservative side on most issues. Each of the charter members should be on some committee and each should be made to feel that he has shared equally in getting the club under way and will continue to share in keeping it going.

A few Suggestions

Experience has proved that light refreshments served after the meetings are effective in holding interest and promoting informality. Most people take a snack after the theater, evening out, etc. A snack at the coin club will make it the homey thing it should be. Elaborate preparations must be avoided for the reason that no one likes to clean up after the rest have gone. Simple fare of doughnuts or cookies and coffee eliminates the clean-up problem, for the only "dishes" involved are cardboard containers for the coffee and cream and dixie cups for individual servings. The club can afford to carry this expense, which ought not to be much. If it does prove to be a burden some means of financing it can be evolved.

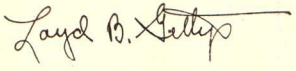
One way to help pay such costs is the auction meeting conducted by the auction committee who can assume or delegate the conduct of an auction for each meeting. Five per cent of all auction sales revert to the treasury. Any member may offer items for the auction, or, if the committee wishes, can conduct their own auctioneering. Where tried, the auction has become an item of real interest to all members.

Juniors

Special consideration is to be shown to juniors, whose membership fee should be one-half that of regular members. They must be nurtured in the fine traditions of numismatics. The older members are under real obligation to guide them in their collecting choices and to help them in every way. The auctions ought tacitly to be conducted with the juniors in mind. Items ought to be "sold" to juniors at prices that actually are *real values.* Older members ought not to push bidding against juniors. Of course these hints are to be tempered with prudence and charity.

The Charter and By-Laws committee should be advised to make the charter short and simple avoiding legalistic jargon such as *"whereas"; be-it-resolved; parties-of-the-first-part; we-attest;* etc.

From this detailed advice it may seem that the organizing of a coin club is difficult. Actually once started it almost rolls itself along. Good meeting!



LOYD B. GETTYS, *President*

The Editor's Corner

Danger in Cleaning Coins

Dear Mr. Mosher:

The article entitled, "Let's Keep It Clean," by G. R. L. Potter, which appeared in the January *Numismatist* has prompted this letter.

I must register strong disapproval of Mr. Potter's recommendation to the "average" collector to abuse his coins with caustic and corrosive chemicals.

By trade I am an analytical chemist. Some time ago I mistreated a few coins of inconsequential value by the processes described and have discarded all his ideas as inadequate.

It is a strong desire among all of us to acquire and preserve our coins in the best condition possible. Those who clean coins, and most of us do at one time or other, must learn at their own expense. May I pass along a few points which may be of some value to the coin cleaners and painters.

Mr. Potter warned in his article that cyanide is poisonous. Though I know many chemicals more poisonous, this one is characteristically nasty to handle. I have tremendous respect for its toxicity and use great care in handling it. Cyanide solutions should never be heated, nor should acids be added. The lethal vapors are generated on heating or acidifying and can do considerable harm to one's health before he realizes it. These vapors pass into the atmosphere all the time the solution is open, so make it a cardinal rule NEVER TO USE CYANIDE IN A CLOSED OR POORLY VENTILATED ROOM.

Persons with blood or bone maladies may be allergic to traces of cyanide vapors. They may develop headaches or "neuralgic" pains even on short exposure.

Cyanide solutions are necessarily strongly alkaline. Potassium cyanide is the salt of a strong alkali and a very weak acid – hydrocyanic acid. The "soapy" feeling of cyanide solution Mr. Potter described is caused by the alkali in the solution reacting with the oils in his skin, which forms a soap.

The only excuse for using pottassium cyanide solution to clean coins is the ease with which it will remove metallic crustations from the surface of a coin. The cyanide readily forms complex salts with silver and copper corrosions and the alkaline potash easily brings them into solution.

Perhaps a better way to clean coins is to clip the coin to the negative pole of a single dry cell and submerge the coin into a weak ammonia solution. A carbon or graphite rod should be attached to the positive pole. Ammonia has a similar chemical effect on silver and copper as cyanide, but the action is slower.

Coin cleaners might understand better what they are doing if they devote a little study to the nature of corrosion. Books on the subject may be obtained at large public libraries.

No commercial metal is pure. The impurities in the metal surround the metal crystals. On the surface of the coin which is in contact with the air, moisture, dust and fingerprints, local electric currents are generated between the metal crystal, the metal impurities and atmospheric moisture and dust. In effect, a small electric battery is created. This is called a galvanic cell. The metal is destroyed by the formation of copper and silver salts, and pockets are formed in the surface of the coin where metal crystals formerly existed. In "cleaning" the coin, these salts are dissolved away and the pock marks are left, a blemish which is readily observable under the low-power field of a microscope.

Galvanic action devours most eagerly upon the metal crystals which have been subjected to greatest strain by the striking die. That is around the lines of the bust and the letters of the inscriptions. The pock-marked irregularity can be seen with a magnifying glass on many so-called "brilliant uncirculated" coins.

Another disagreeable feature encountered in cleaning coins is the depositing of a thin film of the cleaning chemicals, corrosive as they are, on the surfaces and in the crevices of the metal crystals where it CANNOT be scrubbed away. This film encourages faster and more extensive corrosion than before.

May I reiterate that THERE IS NO SATISFACTORY CLEANING METHOD FOR COINS YET DEVISED.

As for painting the coins, using cellulose-based lacquers comes poorly recommended. There are fairly pure cellosolves available, but many of these lacquers contain cellulose nitrate and traces of sulfides. The acids released by the slow deterioration of these are deleterious to coin surfaces.

Plastics are unstable colloids. All plastics deteriorate on aging. The products formed by their decomposition might often be harmful to coins. This statement categorically includes paints, lacquers, shellacs, varnishes and the transparent sheet material now on the market for protecting coins.

In using these "protective" materials, one must bear in mind that he is sealing in moisture and dirt, giving corrosion a better chance to work.

Coins ideally should be kept in a well-ventilated, cool, dark and dry place. A felt lined tray is best for this purpose.

— EDWARD GORDON, A.N.A. 12526
Jacksonville, Florida

Would Eliminate Club Reports

Dear Mr. Mosher:

Constructive criticism, to me, can be of value in many instances, and with this thought in mind I take the keyboard in hand and speak my piece.

My subject concerns REPORTS OF CLUB MEETINGS, the contents of which consumes many valuable pages in *The Numismatist*.

It is my opinion that these reports could be eliminated and replaced by articles and other features of much more interest to collectors. True, Mr. Jones may like to see his name in print, but when it concerns nothing more important than a cut and dried club meeting, then Mr. Jones and his small circle of friends are probably the only ones interested.

Each month when my copy of *The Numismatist* arrives, I can usually be sure of enjoying it to the fullest. Besides the interesting stories, I mull over the ads and glance over the list of applicants for membership, but for the life of me I can't find anything of interest or value in the club reports. The fact that Mr. Whitlatch of the Copper Coin Club displayed a fine set of commemorative half dollars leaves me about as enthused as seeing the shah of Persia's portrait on a postage stamp.

I don't make this point without study, because I have read and reread many of the club reports. Most of them are alike in substance and it's a rare occasion when you find something which hasn't been hashed over pretty much in practically every report in any given issue of the magazine.

My idea is this: The final 10 pages of our magazine are devoted to club reports. On the average there are about 50 lines to the page and about 12 words to the line. That's 600 words to the page and in 10 pages it amounts to something like 6,000 words.

Now, that's getting pretty technical, but I use this method of pointing out that 6,000 words wasted (my opinion) on club reports could be changed to 6,000 words of the kind of reading which fills the front half of the magazine and which, I think, must have a much wider appeal to readers.

I think a column incorporating new ideas or new features of club meetings over the country would be fine, and when a club DOES work up something unusual or add something new to its program which might be of interest to other clubs, then let the secretary write it up and send it along to you.

I think a colmun under the heading of new ideas could feature many things, including new methods of housing coins, of cleaning coins, or anything new which pertains to coin collecting.

Let's hope I haven't offended club members and club secretaries too deeply, but I seriously think the above mentioned space could be put to much better use and to the advantage of everyone concerned.

Best regards,

J. REX WOODFORD, *Editor*
"The Coin Collector"
Charleston Daily Mail
Charleston, West Virginia

District Secretaries to Compete

In partial recognition of the splendid work carried on by our District Secretaries there has been established "The Jim Kelly District Secretaries Annual Membership Awards."

The Awards will be determined by the number of new applicants and the re-instatements obtained for the A.N.A. This year the contest runs from January 15 to April 30. First prize will be a $10 gold piece; second prize a $5 gold piece, and third prize a $2.50 gold piece.

Harold R. Klein, second vice president, is in charge of the contest.

NOTES AND QUERIES

Canadian Market for Gold Coins

The Canadian public in general, and Canadian numismatists in particular, were quite surprised when they learned recently that gold coins were being traded freely on the open market in Toronto. The buying and selling of gold coins in Canada is quite legal, but somehow or other the idea of gold coins being traded in this manner just hadn't occurred to most Canadians. However, the idea did occur to John M. Rogers, a partner in the firm of Doherty, Roadhouse & Co., members of the Toronto Stock Exchange. Early in January of this year this firm announced that they would trade gold coins and the interest that this announcement aroused served to firm up the quotations.

One would not think that there would be many gold coins around, aside from those in the hands of collectors. Many people have a gold piece which they keep for sentimental reasons, but the fact that gold coins have for some time been worth considerably more than face value has resulted in the turning in of most coins in the possession of private individuals. In spite of this, some rather substantial holdings have come to light. Mr. Rogers is reported as saying that one lot of $10,000 in gold coin was sold recently in Toronto. In view of the fact that one $20 gold piece brought $75 one would be inclined to think that this particular piece had numismatic value.

As an indication of the price at which gold coins are changing hands in Toronto these days, the following prices are quoted from the "Northern Miner" of January 20, 1949:

Coin	This Week	Last Week
$ 5 Cdn.	$10-	$ 9-$11
$10 Cdn.	20-$30	18- 28
$ 5 U.S.	11- 16	10- 16
$10 U.S.	22- 31	20- 29
$20 U.S.	45- 52	41- 49

Only serious buyers and sellers are accommodated on the market. A "board lot" is $100 par, minimum, (for example, five $20 gold pieces).

The question that immediately comes to the mind of the numismatist is, "How many of these coins that are being brought to light have numismatic value?"

— CAPT. SHELDON S. CARROLL
A.N.A. 12319
Ottawa, Canada

National Coin Week, April 22 to 28

We're on our way. Already several clubs have notified me that they have appointed coin week committees and that they plan to participate in this annual event.

Those who plan to take part should refer to page 5 of the January issue of *The Numismatist* for the Award Standards. Contact your club secretary for further information or write to me. Let's make 1949 NATIONAL COIN WEEK one to remember. It's April 22 to 28. Our themes are naturals for 1949:

1. **Territorial Gold Coins of the U.S. With California celebrating the centennial of its Gold Rush, what could be more appropriate a theme than the Territorial Gold Coins which were so much a part of the days of '49?**
2. **The Double Eagle. Although we poor collectors and dealers think that 1850 saw the origin of the double eagle, actually the first date in that series was 1849. The collector must overlook the fact when seeking to complete his collection because the only specimen minted is in the National Coin Collection in the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C., but we can certainly celebrate the centennial of the double eagle at no great expense.**

If your specialties embrace neither of these themes, make your displays just the same. Your efforts will receive equal consideration when the awards are distributed.

— A. KOSOFF, Chairman
8943 Wilshire Blvd.
Beverly Hills, California

Token Collectors Invited to Unite

At the recent A.N.A. convention, several well-known token collectors thought it would be a good idea to have a national group of token collectors such as might exist among fare token collectors.

Max Schwartz of New York, Douglas Ferguson of Canada and John Gilbody of Boston have assented to this idea. If anyone is at all interested, would they kindly communicate with Maurice Gould, 18 Tremont Street, Boston, Mass.

A Stone Model by a Nuremberg Artist of the Renaissance

From a Viennese collection a most artistic piece has come to this country and has recently been acquired by the undersigned.

It is a "Kehlheim Stone" model, carved by the famous Mathes Gebel, who was a citizen and "stone carver" in Nuremberg after 1523.

During the period between 1514 and 1600, the finest period of German medallic art, stone models were cut by hand in a long and difficult process. From the model of either "Solnhofen Slate" or "Kehlheim Stone" negative molds were made which served as casting ground for the various copies.

The description of the stone model at hand is the folowing:

IORG • VON • EMBS • XXXXXII • IAR • ALT

It shows the bearded portrait from the right side, without hat, wearing a fur-lined leather coat and a lace collar, all within a foliated edge. On the exergue there are the artist's initials: M G.

The characters of the inscription are clear and dainty, beautiful products of the early 16th century. The portrait is remarkably well drawn, every hair of beard and moustache, every rimple on forehead and around the eyes, every detail of coat and collar, are brought out in that marvelous perfection so typical for the original works of Mathes Gebel. The head seems to live; one gets an impression of the character of the portrayed Jorg von Embs, 52 years old, and can almost read his thoughts.

Jorg (his full name is Georg Junior vom Embs zu Beroldstein) was born in 1490 of an ancient noble family. History books report that in 1539 he was present at a "Rittertag" or Knights' Meeting in the old city of Altmuhl.

The medal copied from this piece is described in the work of Habich under number 1208. This very stone model appears in the catalogue of the collection of the late Anselm Baron von Rothschild, Vienna 1866, under number 356. Its diameter is 1½ inches, and it is set in a wooden frame measuring $2\frac{1}{16}$ inches.

As this piece is one of the finest products of Renaissance art, it is with pleasure that the undersigned publishes it here.

— MARK M. SALTON
New York City

B. Max Mehl Featured in SEP

Once again, B. Max Mehl of Ft. Worth, Texas, has given coin collecting a million dollars worth of free publicity. This time it's in the *Saturday Evening Post* of February 5, 1949. Staff writer Wilfred Weiss has recounted many of the interesting experiences Mr. Mehl has had over the last half century. Millions and millions of readers will enjoy this interesting story, and thousands and thousands of coin collectors will find it to be the best publicity they have ever read on their favorite hobby.

The article is well illustrated, and in addition to coins it shows one of the most characteristic portraits of B. Max that we had ever hoped to own.

If you missed the February 5 issue of the *Saturday Evening Post* you can borrow a copy of the article from the A.N.A. Library. Write T. R. Hammer, 336 N. Clifton Avenue, Wichita 8, Kansas.

Transportation Tokens of Wichita

Dear Mr. Mosher:

I am willing to be part of the movement to supply transportation tokens to the vecturists in our midst. Here in Wichita there are three varieties of tokens in use. The first is of regular size and is inscribed WICHITA TRANSPORTATION CO. The second is of regular size and is inscribed WICHITA RAILROAD AND LIGHT CO. The third is slightly smaller than a quarter and is inscribed WICHITA TRANSPORTATION CORP.

I should be happy to supply these at cost, which is ten cents each, plus a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Sincerely,

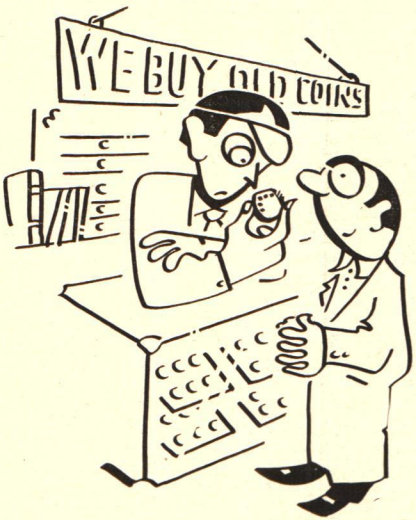
LOREN LONG, A.N.A. 15215
1619 N. Hillside
Wichita 6, Kansas

Midwest Coin Conference, April 23-24

The Heart of America Numismatic Association will be host to the Midwest Coin Conference at the Pickwick Hotel, Kansas City, Mo., on Saturday and Sunday, April 23 and 24. "Early Birds" will be greeted on Friday evening.

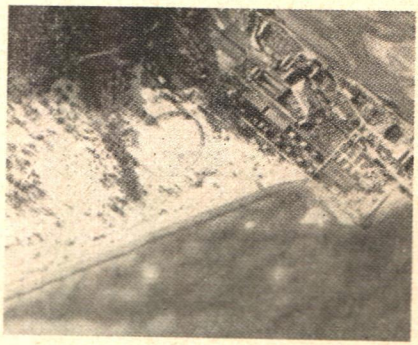
This yearly "Conference" has grown to be much more than merely a Missouri state meeting, even though St. Louis will bring in the greater part of the outside visitors. Already, collectors from Kansas, Oklahoma, Iowa, Nebraska, and other states of the midwest have made plans to attend. Many of the officials of the A.N.A. will be there, and a cordial invitation is being extended to every numismatist throughout the country.

Reservations can be made by writing Herbert E. Rowold, General Chairman, 1307 Brush Creek Blvd., Kansas City 14, Missouri.



Anti-Aircraft Coin Charm

In 1945, other means, such as interceptors and anti-aircraft guns, having failed to keep American planes from hammering time and again the Japanese homeland, the Japs resorted to charms to ward off American attacks. The pattern illustrated was discovered on the beach near Okayama by U.S. Third Fleet carrier planes. It is a representation of an old Japanese copper coin used about 300 years ago and copied as late as 1868.



In modern Japan it is frequently hung on doorways to ward off evil spirits from the house. The two characters reading from top to bottom are "Kwan-ei" and represent the period of the coin and the two characters from left to right spell "currency." The square in the center represents the hole in the coin.

— Official U.S. Navy Photograph

Another Lincoln-Numismatic Card

In commemoration of the 1st Anniversary of the Central Illinois Numismatic Society there has been struck a handsome numismatic card bearing the bust of Lincoln on the obverse, and the inscription of the club on the reverse.

One hundred were struck in silver for distribution to the members of the club and 900 were struck in "goldine" metal for general distribution.

In addition to attracting collectors of numismatic cards this piece merits the attention of collectors of Lincolniana. Interested collectors should write to the secretary, Arthur W. Gibson, 2017 Whittier Avenue, Springfield, Illinois.

More Transportation Tokens at Cost

Dear Mr. Mosher:

I was very happy to see my letter in the December issue about the bus tokens here at Lawrence, Kansas. I had about forty requests.

When I was home at Christmas time I had a chance to get a batch of new tokens from Aurora, Illinois. These tokens are of recent design and I should be glad to supply them to fellow collectors who send me a dime and self-addressed envelope.

—ROBERT W. SCOTT
1027 Rhode Island
Lawrence, Kansas

Coins of Newfoundland To Be Demonitized

The coinage of Newfoundland has long attracted the attention of collectors this side of the border and now that it becomes a province of Canada on March 31, its coinage will come to an end.

This coinage was never extensive and yet it is possible to form a fairly complete collection at a modest cost. It would appear that now is the time to complete your collection and this advice should be heeded by collectors of paper money as well as collectors of coins. Better write your favorite dealer at once and ask him for a consignment of Newfoundland material.

Club Formed in Clearwater, Florida

On October 1, coin and stamp collectors met at the home of W. Doug Brown, 1452 Forest Road, Clearwater, Florida, and formed a club that is to be known as the Clearwater Coin and Stamp Club.

Captain J. T. Baugh was elected president; Jack Kiefer, vice president; C. A. Brownell, secretary; and Murray Booth, curator.

Meetings will be held the last Wednesday of each month at 8:00 p.m. in the Chamber of Commerce Building.

Affiliation with other clubs will be made and all interested persons are invited to join the club.

"Nickel" Outfits Want 7½ Cent Piece

2½¢ pieces and 7½¢ pieces will be jingling in the pockets of the American people before the end of six months if the aims of the American Institute for Intermediate Coinage are achieved. The new group was formed December 18 at a meeting of representatives from business, labor and consumer groups. The outmoded United States coinage system is creaking and groaning under the demands made on it by the American economy, and needs more small coins, according to Edward W. Mehren, president of The Squirt Company, Beverly Hills, California, one of the founders and chairman of the board of the new Institute. He estimated a saving to the American people of eight and one-half billion dollars if 2½¢ and 7½¢ coins are placed in circulation. Mandel L. Anixter, Legal Counsel for the Institute, pointed out that in order for the Treasury Department to mint the additional denominations, legislation would have to be enacted by Congress. He said that the conclusions reached by the Institute could be embodied in a proposed bill for Congressional consideration or submitted to the Council of Economic Advisors to the President of the United States.

ELKHART COIN CLUB HOLDS BANQUET

The Annual Banquet of the Elkhart Coin Club was held at Prichett's Restaurant, January 10, with 24 members and guests present.

A. O. Goeller was a capable master of ceremonies and he kept the members amused with his witty remarks. Following the dinner each member was asked to say a few words on his collecting interests. William Brimelow read a humorous paper entitled, "You Can't Please Everybody," which was very much enjoyed by his listeners.

The exhibits were quite remarkable and included the following: Robert Ziems, silver dollars; M. D. Meiser, half dollars; Jake Lamarr, Michigan bank notes; Robert Clark, Lincoln cents; Wm. G. Davidson, large and small cents in choice condition; John Richardson, Fugio cent, trade dollar, Indian head nickels and gold coins. Wm. Brimelow, frame of Presidential medals from George Washington to Harry S. Truman.

The Banquet committee, A. O. Goeller and Freeman Chaffee, was given a vote of thanks for providing such a pleasant evening for those present.

—WM. BRIMELOW, Secretary

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Report of the General Secretary

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Applicants numbered 16976-17064, as published in the January issue, have been admitted to membership. Applicants for Life Membership previously published have been admitted to life membership.

Applications for Membership

The following applications were received in January 1949. If there are no objections filed prior to April 1, 1949, these applicants will become members on that date and notice to this effect will appear in the May issue.

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17178 **C. O. Carlson,** 1460 Eleanor Ave., Toledo 12, Ohio. U. S. Coins. Charles Stumhofer.

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17180 **Walter M. McDonald,** Maybury San., Northville, Mich. Commemoratives and U. S. Type Sets. Charles N. Cooley.

17181 **Charles E. Nelson,** 242 Mather Rd., Jenkintown, Pa. General. Arthur Sipe, Noel H. van Roekens.

17182 **William L. Koppen,** Box 96, Gibbon, Minn. Minor Coinage and Freaks. R. B. Anderson.
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17212 **Reginald J. Richardson,** 1603 E. Fifth St., Royal Oak, Mich. U. S. General. William Lobart.
17213 **W. Normand Tankersley,** 5714 Kenwood Ave., Chicago 37, Ill. U. S. Silver and Gold. C. E. Green.
17214 **Andrew Mayer,** 1400 East 22nd St., Brooklyn 10, N. Y. U. S. Copper and Silver. Louis Horowitz, Arthur A. Mayer.
17215 **W. B. Wilson,** Box 262, Cooleemee, N. C. U. S. General. R. L. Foster, B. C. Young, J. McNeely Miller.
17216 **Robert E. Rieder,** 3333 S. E. Rex, Portland 2, Oregon. U. S. Silver. Paul R. Christensen, Robert Weill.
17217 **Robert F. Matthews,** Gardenville, Bucks County, Pa. General. A. H. Leatherman.
17218 **George F. Bryant,** 208 Louise Ave., Nashville, Tenn. General Except Gold. Georgia Foster, Jno. T. Evans.
17219 **E. T. Roux Library,** Florida Southern College, Lakeland, Fla. Dr. Ludd M. Spivey, R. B. Hanford, Harold Colee.
17220 **Fernandina Coin Club,** Fernandina, Fla. C. A. Brownell, H. D. Colman, L. E. Walters, Harold Colee.
17221 **Irenus P. Keith,** McAlester, Okla. General. Walter E. Harris, C. R. Ross.
17222 **William T. Bailey,** 255 Moselle St., Buffalo 11, N. Y. U. S. Coins. Mrs. Leone Bailey.
17223 **Gerald W. Kingsolver,** 72 Woodrow Ave., Columbus, Ohio. American Coins. Roy Elwood Smith, Sibyl Wooten.
17224 **Dr. C. R. Hien,** 500 Chevy Chase Rd., Mansfield, Ohio. U. S. Type Coins. C. C. Shroyer.
17225 **Leonard W. Stark,** 5140 South Woodlawn Ave., Chicago 15, Ill. American General. A. E. Bebee, Joseph L. Morris.
17226 **N. G. Sener,** 138 N. Water St., Lancaster, Pa. Silver Crowns. Arthur Sipe.
17227 **A. J. Urban, Jr.,** 729 Van Buren, N.W., Grand Rapids 4, Mich. Indian Pennies. George Wolfe, Charles N. Cooley.
17228 **William Holmes,** 22 Hillview Rd., Elderslie, Renfrewshire, Scotland. British and Canadian. Walter Allen, George R. Maxwell.

17229 **John Kolk,** 453 Westend Ave., Elizabeth 2, N. J. General. John J. Waters.
17230 **R. E. Dean,** 203 Frumkiw Bldg., Toledo 2, Ohio. American Coins. C. C. Shroyer, Harry Stupsker.
17231 **St. Petersburg Lodge 1145, Loyal Order of Moose,** 1126 Central, St. Petersburg 7, Fla. General. J. Walter Perry.
17232 **K. Clausen,** 1317 Broad St., San Luis Obispo, Calif. General. G. M. Richardson.
17233 **Daniel J. King,** 378 Rutter Ave., Kingston, Pa. Commemoratives. George P. Williams, F. Burdette Moore.
17234 **Bruce E. Tegtmeyer,** 2301 Chase St., Toledo 11, Ohio. Foreign. C. C. Shroyer, Sherwood Henderson.
17235 **James G. Taylor,** 18 High Farms Rd., West Hartford 7, Conn. U. S. Coins. Edward Olander.
17236 **W. M. Winter,** 529 Shroyer Rd., Dayton 9, Ohio. Sale of New Medals, Advertising Coins, etc. Luther H. Whitt.
17237 **Dr. Harold B. Flagler,** 28 North 6th St., Stroudsburg, Pa. U. S. Coins. Edgar H. Sittig, Carlan E. Heller, Lloyd B. Kintner.
17238 **Charles J. King,** 72 North St., New Bedford, Mass. General. Horace M. Grant, Wilna B. Mackintosh.
17239 **Mrs. Dorothy A. Harris,** 1300 Warwick Neck Ave., Warwick Neck, R. I. U. S. General. Horace M. Grant, Wilna B. Mackintosh.
17240 **Mrs. John P. Groom,** 707 Sanford Ave., Richland, Washington. U. S. General. John P. Groom, L. E. Clogston. Associate Membership.
17241 **Bernard Prusko,** 279 Fourth St., Jersey City 2, N. J. U. S. Silver Dollars and Foreign Coins. Harry C. Mathews.
17242 **Robert J. Gagnon,** Federal Power Comm., 800 Union Trust Bldg., Pittsburgh 19, Pa. U. S. Coins. George F. Marlier.
17243 **Earl N. Crain, Jr.,** 12439 Kling St., North Hollywood, Calif. General. Harold G. Bavaird.
17244 **Ted H. Worrell,** 836 Main St., Santa Paula, Calif. General. J. L. Snyder, Gail Deaver.
17245 **D. Cappellin,** 3109 State Ave., Des Moines 17, Iowa. General. L. Hellene Bohler, W. P. Bohler, James E. Harrigan.
17246 **Samuel Goldstein,** 206 South Main St., Waterbury, Conn. U. S. Coins and Gold Coins. O. T. Sghia, E. R. Mayo.
17247 **Garland S. Stephens,** P. O. Box 243, Wytheville, Virginia. U. S. Gold and Early Silver Dollars. Helen G. Lewis.
17248 **James R. Wilson,** Box 128, Brookston, Texas. U. S. General. A. C. Brown.
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17254 **Robert N. Foster,** Highland St., Lunenburg, Mass. U. S. Coins. Elliott W. Buskey.
17255 **James L. Gibson,** P. O. Box 393, B. V. Station, Miami 37, Fla. U. S. Coins. Charles H. Rogers, Leonard Spiegel.
17256 **Dr. Clinton D. Deming,** 173 Steele Rd., West Hartford, Conn. General. Edward Olander.
17257 **Herman Fingerhut,** c/o Steinway Jewel Shop, 30-04 Steinway St., Long Island City, New York. General. Fred J. Zinser, Sol Spencer, Nat Blouestiven.
17258 **H. E. Watkins,** 5428 Six Court South, Birmingham, Ala. General. Lewis M. Reagan.
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17262 **William R. Case,** 7926 S. Evans Ave., Chicago 19, Ill. U. S. General. Earl C. Brown, Glenn R. Ostrander, M. Vernon Sheldon.
17263 **Thomas S. Gordon,** R. F. D. #3, Westminster, Md. General. Plummer Wiley, William F. Perlitz, Philip G. Straus, Murry Heiserman.
17264 **William A. Marr,** 140 S. Dwight St., Dallas 11, Texas. U. S. General. L. Loyd Edmonds, Ernest Couch.
17265 **Ernest Elsasser,** 215 Comly St., Philadelphia 20, Pa. Quarters and Half Eagles. D. M. Bullowa.
17266 **Edward Coto,** 1207 Fifteenth St., North, Texas City, Texas. General. W. A. Philpott, Jr.
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17268 **Frank J. Agnello,** 2039 N. Palmer St., Milwaukee 12, Wis. American Coins. Paul Czubaj, Charles Palbicki.
17269 **Floyd Hazelwood,** 902 North 11th, Salina, Kansas. U. S. General. Frank Bennett, Lewis M. Reagan, C. B. Edwards.
17270 **Preston A. Thomas,** 701 Front St., Santa Cruz, Calif. Domestic General. C. Fred Smillman, Edward Fogler.
17271 **Carrol F. Lutz,** 320 Beach Rd., Alameda, Calif. U. S. Coins, Regular Mint Issues. Edward Fogler, J. H. Rogers.
17272 **East Bay Coin Club,** J. H. Rogers, Secy., 1433 Edith St., Berkeley 3, Calif. Edward Fogler, J. H. Rogers.
17273 **Joe D. Blackwell, Sr.,** 868 B Thav Way, Alameda, Calif. U. S. General. Edward Fogler, J. H. Rogers.

17274 **Myron W. Mountjoy,** 740 Haddon Rd., Oakland 10, Calif. U. S. Coins. Charles B. Steele, Charles McKeowa, Ed. V. Wertman.
17275 **Ramon A. Nunez P.,** Colombian Gulf Oil Co., Apartado Nacional 13-39, Bogota, Colombia, South America. General. P. K. Anderson.
17276 **Joseph C. Dugan,** 349 South 4th St., Brooklyn 11, N. Y. Domestic. Morris Benson, Al Matthews.
17277 **Delmas I. Gruver,** Box 277, Cary Hall, West Lafayette, Ind. Nickels, Dimes, Halves. Harry W. Gruver.
17278 **William J. Hamilton,** 2342 Fillmore Ave., Buffalo 14, N. Y. U. S. General. Donald B. Clark.
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9494 **Paul E. Berninger,** Wilkes Barre, Pa.
9634 **Donovan C. Brownfield,** San Bernardino, Calif.
14540 **Jaime Ramon Brugat,** Bayamon, Puerto, Rico.
7958 **Guy Burgess,** South Middleboro, Mass.
10948 **L. M. Campbell,** Fairmont, West Virginia.
11414 **Charles C. Carroll,** Milwaukee 6, Wisc.
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14160 **Manuel Font,** Mayaguez, Puerto Rico.
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7565 **G. N. Robillard,** Toronto, Canada.
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10487 **Walter E. Sellman,** Sacramento, Calif.
11416 **Andrew Simons,** Charleston, S. C.
14999 **Marion L. Thayer,** Wichita, Kansas.
15236 **Mrs. Hope Theman,** Brookings, S. Dakota.
7219 **Sigismund P. Trzmiel,** Belleville, Wisc.
15302 **John R. Whitbeck,** Kalamazoo, Mich.
10481 **Percy E. Wickes,** Northampton, Mass.
7227 **Dr. H. J. Williams,** Miami, Fla.
14579 **J. E. Williams,** Brady, Texas.
9304 **Henry Winfield,** Scappoose, Ore.
12840 **Juan Pont Zayas,** Santurce, Puerto Rico.

Reports of Club Meetings

SECRETARIES PLEASE NOTE: Reports should be made promptly. Copy must be received by the 7th of the month to insure insertion in the following month's issue. As a usual thing a copy of the minutes is sent in, and almost invariably a number of items of local concern only must be cancelled. The justification for publishing these accounts lies in the numismatic information — and encouragement — to be derived by collectors generally, regardless of location. On this basis we feel it advisable to revise and condense, and, incidentally, the by-product of this course is conservation of valuable space.

ALBANY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY — President E. W. Corrie presided at the 231st meeting which was held at the Albany Institute of History and Art on Thursday, January 27th. There were 21 members and three guests present.

Mr. Reynolds advised that our member from Syracuse, R. H. Williamson, had sent him a very interesting paper on oddities on large U. S. cents which would be read at the next meeting.

Dr. Sartoris demonstrated a combination opaque and slide projector which he brought to the meeting. It was not found entirely satisfactory, due mainly to heating. It was decided that we would continue looking for a more suitable projector.

After the adjournment of the business meeting, William P. Donlon took over and entertained us with his slides on "156 Years of U. S. Coinage."

— ANNA M. IMFELD, Secretary

ASHEVILLE COIN CLUB — The 30th meeting was held at the Wachovia Bank, January 12th, with eight members present.

Vice President Robinson called the meeting to order, and a discussion was held about a fifteen minute radio program pertaining to coins, to be broadcast over a local station on January 17th.

During the business session the club voted to reduce its annual dues to $1.00.

The application for membership of Johnny Flood was voted on and passed unanimously.

The exhibits included small cents by Mr. Ambler, half cents by Mr. Carpenter, and commemoratives by Mr. McLean.

Mr. Hicks invited the club to his home for a special meeting on January 19th.

— W. T. JAMES, Secretary

ATLANTA COIN CLUB — The 361st meeting was held January 5 at Rosendahl's Gym. For some reason, space was not made available in the Henry Grady Hotel and a last minute change was made necessary. Several members missed the meeting because of the unannounced change. President Naff called the meeting to order at 8:25 p.m. with 14 members and one visitor present.

The regular program for January was postponed until February since the speaker was out of the city. Plans were made for activities of the coming year. All members were requested by the President to submit a "want list" of coins and also a list of duplicates, or coins for sale or trade. Mr. Surry was appointed Auctioneer and it was decided to have a short auction after each club meeting. Mr. Gonzales offered a prize of ten dollars to the person with the best attendance during the year. The Club voted to accept Mr. Gonzales' generous offer and accurate records of attendance will be kept. Mr. Gonzales also offered to check up on the reason for the failure to provide the Club with a room for its January meeting and to make sure that suitable space is secured for future meetings during the year. Mr. Gavron and Mr. Rosendahl were appointed to represent the Club at the Atlanta Traffic Improvement Association's meeting on February 1.

The Club was happy to receive a letter from Mr. Gettys, President of the A.N.A., stating that he hoped to be in Atlanta on Thursday, April 7. It was voted unanimously to postpone our April meeting one day, so that Mr. Gettys could meet with us. We hope to have a good program on that date and urge all members and their friends to make a special effort to attend the April meeting.

— VIRGINIA SURRY, Secretary

BALTIMORE COIN CLUB — A meeting was called to order by Vice President Charles Hass at 8:15 p.m. on Thursday, January 6, in the Peale Museum with 32 members and five guests present, Messrs. Kermit Sanders, Sr., Robert S. Day, Harry Goldberg, and from Aberdeen, Maryland, Messrs. Richard D. Black and Allen P. Gough.

Mr. Antonie announced to the club that 1948 uncirculated coin could be obtained from the Treasury Department in Washington, D. C.

Dr. Edward Plummer had a wonderful exhibit of crowns of Hungary on display which were as follows: Hungary as part of the Holy Roman Empire, Ferdinan II, 1631 broad thaler, Ferdinand III, 1649 and 1651 broad thalers, Leopold I (the hogmouth), 1692 and 1693 broad thalers, Charles VI, father of Maria Theresa, 1718, 1738 and 1740 broad thalers, Maria Theresa 1778 thaler, Josef II, son of Maria Theresa, 1782 thalers. Hungary as Kingdom and part of the Dual Monarchy of Austria-Hungary from 1806-1918, Francis I, 1830 thaler, Francis Joseph, 1900 5 korona and 1907 5 korona fortieth anniversary as king of Hungary. Hungary as a Regency under Admiral Horthy, 5 pengo of Horthy, 1930 10th year of the regency, 1938 5 pengo 900th anniversary of the death of St. Stephen, 5 pengo of Horthy 1939, 5 pengo 1943 struck in aluminum of the 75th anniversary of the birth of Horthy.

Dr. Schaffer had on exhibit three Switzerland Shooting Festival medals dated 1889, 1890, and 1892. He also had on exhibit two 1948 New York Medallic Society medals.

Mr. Heiserman had on exhibit a 5 franc coin of Canton, Geneva, dated 1848 of which 1176 pieces were struck and also the 10 franc piece of 1848 of which 385 pieces were struck.

— ELMER A. SCHMIDT,
Secretary-Treasurer

BAY CITIES COIN CLUB — The 58th meeting was called to order, after a delightful dinner at Helen Foster's Restaurant, by President Harry Davidson. 26 members and 4 guests were present. Harry introduced Dr. C. E. Emmons, president of California State Numismatic Assn., who proceeded in install our newly elected officers: President, Karl Brainard, vice president, Harry Davidson; secretary, Ben Schwartz, treasurer, L. Friedman, board of governors, Drs. Kaffeseider and Hubb and J. Miladin. Our visitors Messrs. Meyer, Bergamo, Zilke and Mrs. Austin were introduced. President Brainard appointed the following committees:

Program: A. Kosoff, chairman, Ogilvie, Kaffeseider, Koeppel and Older.

Membership: H. Davidson, chairman, R. Luck, J. Block.

The meeting was turned over to the Program Committee and Mr. Kosoff outlined plans for the year, solicited papers with considerable success, then proceeded with a quiz program which was interesting, entertaining and enlightening. Messrs. Brainard and Weedertz were tied for first place and Mrs. Case won in the Ladies' Division. Awards will be presented at our December meeting.

— BEN SCHWARTZ, Secretary

BIRMINGHAM COIN CLUB — The 47th meeting was held December 21 at the White Dairy with 27 members present.

This being our "Christmas" meeting presents were exchanged and refreshments were served.

Plans for the coming year were discussed and from all indications it will be the best one yet. — J. C. FAULKNER, Secretary

BOSTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY — The 792nd meeting, our Annual one, was held at the Lenox Hotel on January 18 with President Schuhmacher presiding.

Detailed reports of the President (including the ANA Convention), Secretary and Treasurer were read and accepted. The Secretary reported the membership as the largest in the Society's history.

Mr. Nettleship spoke briefly on the NUMISMATIC TEXTBOOK.

Election of Officers for 1949 resulted in the following: President, James F. Clapp, Jr.; vice president, Earl V. Tuttle; secretary, Mrs. Shepard Pond; treasurer, Henry Schuhmacher. Councillors-at-large: Guiseppe deLellis, Maurice Gould, Frank Howard and Benjamin Lowenstam. Curators: Doran A. Jones, Frank H. Shumway and Nancy Merrill. Permanent Fund Trustees: John D. Frates, William J. Tronson and Fred T. Gullicksen. The Secretary cast one ballot for unopposed offices.

President-elect Clapp read Mr. Schuhmacher's letter on the Junior Coin Club Campaign.

Exhibits:

Dr. Buck: Early, undated Joachimsthaler.

Mr. Gittes: Spanish obsidional money, Tarragona, 1 duro 1802; Gerona, 1 duro 1808; Majorca, 1 duro 1821. James II of Majorca (1291-1314) double real.

Mr. Grant: First Issue uncut Fractional Currency 5c denomination.

Mr. Guild: Half-dollars 1861, 6 with same obverse and 6 different reverses, P-O-S, Confederate AW347, AW349 and P2 with motto. Scott card with Confederate half-dollar, also complete set of proof 2c pieces.

Mr. Jones: Aegina 500 B.C. hemiobol; Sicyon 300 B.C. tetrobol; Caligula 38-41 A.D. denarius.

Miss LeVesque: Syrian coins of 12th Century, 4 Caliphs of the Arabian Nights; 4 Roman coins of Asia Minor in billon; Case of Roman Colonial bronze coins including antoniniani.

Mr. Lowenstam: Coins of Judaea: Lepta or Widow's Mites of various rulers and Roman Proconsuls; a shekel of the Maccabees and a shekel of Bar Kochba; "Judaea Capta" Sesterius of Vespasian; 100 mil piece of Palestine 1927; 7 varieties of Masonic shekel imitations in brass and silver; a "Judaea" denarius of Vespasian.

Mr. Nettleship: Maryland colonials: Lord Baltimore shilling 1659; Chalmer's Annapolis shilling 1783, 6 pence 1783 and 3 pence 1783.

Mr. Shumway: Bar cent with 13 bars and monogram of U.S.A., and George Washington solid silver medal with letter to Hamilton on the reverse, (by Bolen).

Mr. Tuttle: Liberia 50c, 1906; Honduras, 1 peso 1889; 1 lempira 1937; Guatemala, 8 reales 1846; 1 peso 1863, 1882, 1894; 1 quetzal 1925; Lithuania, 5 litu 1925, 10 litu 1936, 5 litu 1936 and 10 litu 1938.

— JUNE T. POND, Secretary

BROOKLYN COIN CLUB — The regular 187th meeting was held January 5th at the Hotel Granada, Brooklyn, N. Y., with President C. H. Ryan in the chair and 42 members and six guests in attendance.

The duly elected officers and Board of Governors were inducted into office by the Rev. Frank H. Hutchins. Suffice it to say that he did a grand job.

After a vote duly taken, the office of Chaplain of the Brooklyn Coin Club, was created. President Ryan then appointed Rev. Frank H. Hutchins to that office. As his first act, the Reverend delivered an invocation which was as sincere as it was beautiful. In honor of this occasion President Ryan then presented our new Chaplain with a gift on behalf of the members. It was a one tola gold coin issued by the Habib Bank of India, scalloped edge, inscription in Gudjarati and showing a lion on the reverse.

Joseph B. Stack donated Newcomb's U. S. Copper Cents from 1816-1857 for our library. James Leslie donated a tremendous collection of tokens, medals and ribbons pertaining to Brooklyn for our cabinet and Ed Rice also donated some Brooklyn tokens for our cabinet. We are extremely grateful to our members and friends for their generous contributions in expanding our ever growing library and cabinet.

Alex L. Smith was duly elected to membership.

Exhibits by members and guests were as follows:

Mr. H. S. Bernstein: U. S. silver dollars 1795, 1796, 1797 and 1799-1803 incl.

Mr. Blake: 8 Philippine notes of the Philippine National Bank and of the Philippine Government issued prior to World War II; Provisional note for 20 centavos issued during the last war.

Mr. Bowser: Coins of Australia, Austria, Argentina, Angola and the Azores.

Mr. Feldman: Coins of Afghanistan, Algeria, Australia and Angola; Roumania 100,000 lei; Lubeck Broad thaler 1609.

Mr. Franklin: Type set of U. S. coins struck off-center: ½ dollar, ¼ dollar, dime, nickel and cent.

Mr. Gallo: 14 coins of Imperial Austria: Francis I, Ferdinand I and Francis Joseph I.

Mr. Heft: U. S. half dollars 1795-1798; Uncut $10 and $20 sheet of 12, 1928 Federal Reserve notes with low numbers.

Mr. Hollander: Breast Star of Spanish Military merit decoration; Breast Star of Spanish Naval merit decoration.

Mr. Horowitz: 10 different Civil War tokens with patriotic slogans.

Mr. Hutt: 11 cut coins of the West Indies: Dollar 1799, 5 star facing box of 81 coins of odds and ends.

Rev. Hutchins: U. S. silver dollars: 1795 bust type, 1798 large eagle, 1799 over 8 and 1799 perfect date.

Mr. Kaplan: U. S. silver dollars 1795-1803 incl.; half dollars 1794 to 1917S (various specimens); South Africa gold pound.

Mr. Kraus: Hyderabad: 1 anna 1943 bronze; Bahawalpur: 1 Paisa 1925 bronze and ½ Paisa 1940, bronze; Syria: 50 Piastres 1947 silver; Turkey: 25 Kurus 1948 aluminum bronze; Denmark 25 Ore 1948 nickel; Netherlands: 5 cent 1948 bronze and Malaya: 20, 10 and 5 cents 1948 in nickel.

Mr. Leslie: U. S. dollars 1798-1868, Trade dollar 1878; miscellaneous Irish coins.

Mr. Mertik: Various coins from Albania, Angola, Annam, Argentina, Australia and Austria; Netherlands 5 cents 1948 in bronze.

Mr. Nicoletti: France: pieforts of the Petain coinage: 1 franc, 50, 20, Vingt and 10 centimes.

Mr. Portolano: Vatican set of the 1936 series; Canada, 1947 set.

Mr. Rice: U. S. silver dollar 1803; Japan: 1 Bu; Siam: 1 Tical (the so-called bullet money); Greece: Tetradrachm of Alexander the Great; Booklet of Odd and Curious money of the world by Hans Schulman.

Mr. Ryan: India: 1 Tola in gold with scalloped edge thick variety.

Mr. Schwartz: Collection of medals and tokens with patriotic legends.

Mr. Salton: Medal of Amsterdam and one of America dated 1756.

Mr. Shab: 1802 large cent Newcomb — 3 Rarity 7.

Mr. Silverman: Australia: 1937 Crown in proof.

Mr. Smith: Large Cent 1821, NA1, R2, uncirculated.

Mr. Standish: Trade dollars 1875, 1878 in proof; Civil War tokens with patriotic mottoes.

Mr. Susskind: Siam: Boat money; China: cash of the Tang dynasty; Siam: silver bullet tical; Copper 2 penny cartwheel; 50 million marks of Westphalia; Maria Theresa Thaler; Cowrie shell of Solomon Islands; Cutpieces from the East Indies and the West Indies; Leper token of Culion colony, Philippines; Prison money of Sing Sing 50c, 25c and 5c, of the Tombs, Manhattan, 25c and 5c and of Brooklyn City Prison 1c; Civil War tokens with patriotic slogans.

Mr. Wise: U. S. dollars 1795-1801; Pedley Ryan dollar and an Independence dollar.

Mr. Wishy: 1798 silver dollar large eagle.

Prof. Zygman: 12 Ancient Greek silver staters.

— IRVING MERTIK, Secretary

BUFFALO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION — The 449th meeting of the club was held December 13, 1948, at the Central Y.M.C.A. Sixteen members and three guests were present. The meeting was conducted by President Howard Myers.

The important business of this meeting was the nomination and election of officers for 1949. The following officers were nominated and unanimously elected: President, Charles Prickett; vice president, B. N. Bailey; secretary, H. W. Hoople; treasurer, George Cage; librarian, Al. Chimera; curator, Robert Lloyd.

An Executive Committee, composed of five members of the club, was also selected. There were seven nominations. The five members receiving the most votes, and therefore elected to this committee, were: Wm. Behringer,

Gaston DiBello, Albert Gullian, J. M. Taylor, Dr. John Wild.

— HAROLD W. HOOPLE, Secretary

CHATTANOOGA COIN CLUB — The eighth regular meeting was held at Central Y.M.C.A. on January 19 with President A. T. Wright presiding and with ten members and two guests present.

General discussion was held concerning our participation in National Coin Week. Definite action on this subject is to be taken at our February meeting.

Mrs. Thelma Sterling and Mr. W. L. Fulton presented the program for the evening and they chose as their subject "U. S. Paper Money." Their talks gave many interesting details and sidelights on our National Currency.

Exhibits:

Mrs. Sterling: Fractional currency; large size currency.

Mrs. Morris: Broken bank bills of Alabama.

Mrs. Anderson: Japanese Invasion bills; Confederate bills; Broken bank bills of Chattanooga; R and S series.

Mr. Sherman: Canadian $5 Gold.

Mr. Fulton: Pre-war Japanese coins.

— ANN E. McNABB, Secretary

CHAUTAUQUA COIN, STAMP, AND CURIO CLUB — The 405th meeting was held at the Hotel Jamestown January 26 with 28 present and J. Henry Payne presiding.

T. James Clarke exhibited his collection of Swedish gold coins which is surpassed only by the collection in the Swedish Museum.

Gunnar Anderson gave the historical background and description of the Swedish gold coins on display.

Plans were discussed to hold a Tri-State Convention in Jamestown next summer.

Fred M. Cady was elected a member.

— ALICE M. KUNZOG, Secretary

CHICAGO COIN CLUB — The 361st meeting was held Tuesday, February 1st, at 84 E. Randolph Street, President G. R. Ostrander presiding — 65 members and guests present.

Arthur M. Kagin, A. Kosoff, E. L. Salisbury and Maurice Friedman were elected to membership.

The President called attention to the many fine books in our Club Library.

Minutes of meeting of Board of Governors were read. Action recommended on 30th Anniversary Medal, Revision of By-Laws, Annual Bulletin, Publicity, Monthly Letter, taking in Junior members, Numismatic History of Illinois, National Coin Week and World Hobby Exhibit. Motion carried that suggestions be placed in operation.

List of Committees for 1949 was read.

Mr. Smedley spoke about the exhibit to be made by the Club in the Public Library during National Coin Week and the publicity to be given.

Col. Curtis presented the exhibits and his humorous way of introducing the exhibitors added to our enjoyment. Exhibits were by:

Mr. Smedley: 20 coins of various countries, each of which was struck in the particular design, denomination or metal in only one year. Dates were covered and prize awarded to person turning in the most accurate list of dates.

Mr. Sheldon: Selection of eleven silver medals: Versailles Peace Medal; Hoover Gratitude Medal from Belgium; Boxer Rebellion; Argentine School Medal; Art Medals by Bremer, Dupre and Vernon.

Mr. Lindall: Complete set of Boone Commemorative Half Dollars.

Mr. Klug: Paper money of Pakistan: 1, 2, 5 and 10 rupees.

Mr. Jonas: Bronze and Silver U.S.S. Nashville medals by Henri Ripstra; Large medal of Washington by St. Gaudens.

Col. Curtis: Uniface die strike in nickel of obverse die of 1916 McKinley Commemorative gold dollar; Silver commemorative of Arsinoe, Ptolemaic dynasty of Ancient Egypt; 1804 silver dollar (altered date).

Mr. Brown: Canadian Dollars: 1947 Regular; 1947 with Maple Leaf; 1948 with new title (Georgius VI Dei Gratia Rex). South Africa, 5 Shillings, 1948 with new title (Georgius Sextus Rex). Complete set Great Britain 1948 — Half Penny to Half Crown, all with old titles.

The meeting then adjourned to listen to an excellent talk by J. Henri Ripstra, a Charter Member and Past President of Chicago Coin Club. Mr. Ripstra was the organizer of the Lincoln Club and his talk was about Lincoln and Washington. He mentioned that 7,500 books had been written about Lincoln and that he had 901 of them in his own library. Mr. Ripstra stressed the fact that neither Washington nor Lincoln had an academic education and that it was his opinion that both had been divinely guided in attaining greatness.

Mr. Ripstra spoke of many incidents in the lives of both men and of the monies of the period in which each was President. Mr. Ripstra had on exhibit and described several notes and medals, two of the medals being from dies cut in Paris but struck in Switzerland.

It is always a pleasure to have Mr. Ripstra address the Club and whatever his subject we are sure of an interesting talk. When the subject is "Lincoln" — well, he "knows his Lincoln." — EARL C. BROWN, Secretary

DAYTONA BEACH NUMISMATIC CLUB — The charter meeting was held Wednesday, January 12, at the residence of Harley Freeman. Those present were Mr. Freeman, J. U. Gillespie, Kirk Adams, Rupert Longstreet, Frank A. Berger, Wayne Patterson, Edward Gordon and Joseph D. McGregor.

Mr. Freeman was elected President, Mr. Gillespie Vice President and Mr. Gordon Secretary-Treasurer.

It was agreed that meetings be held on the second Wednesday of the month at various places in the Daytona Beach area.

Membership fee was established at $1.00, and dues $1.00 per year.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the organization be called the Daytona Beach Numismatic Club, and that an application to affiliate with the American Numismatic Association be made.

A general discussion and display of coins and paper money ensued.

Mr. Adams exhibited a complete set of Maryland colonial coins; the Lord Baltimore shilling, six pence, groat and penny, the Anapolis ring shilling, the Chalmers short worm shilling, six pence, three pence, and the Standish Barry three pence.

Mr. Longstreet showed a hoard of coins found in France.

Mr. Freeman displayed his collection of Confederate paper money, a British 1/24 real pewter Florida plantation token and a superb set of Spanish Ferdinand and Isabella coins including the 4 ducat.

Mr. Berger exhibited a number of medieval British coins including the silver pennies of Edward II, Henry II, Henry III, a half crown of James II made from brass cannon, and two shillings of Queen Elizabeth.

Mr. Gillespie displayed ancient coins which he has identified as the coins appearing photographed in past auction catalogs — the EID MAR denarius of Brutus (Julius Caesar's assassin) shown in Wayte Raymond sale of March, 1939, the sestertia of Caligula from Miller-lawerence-Newell-Hind collection, Augustus and Vitellius from the Schulman sale of 1938, the stater of SALAMIS from Seltman, plate 6, #9, and the stater of Abdera from Nomisma Vol. III, Plate III, #24.

Mr. Gordon showed aurii of Julius Caesar, Tiberius, Claudius, Vitellius, Hadrian, Antoninus Pius, Marcus Aurelius and Gordianus Pius.

Mr. Patterson produced a type set of U. S. gold regular and commemorative issues.

— EDWARD GORDON, Secretary

DETROIT COIN CLUB — 528th meeting was held January 6th at the Book-Cadillac Hotel. Members present, 22; visitors 5.

Miss Fran Durnwald and Mr. Andrew Sydlak were elected to membership. An announcement was made that James Curto was the new A.N.A. District Chairman for Southeastern Michigan. Mr. Stehfest gave a report on the coming C.S.N.S. Convention to be held at the Book-Cadillac Hotel, May 13, 14, 15, 1949.

J. Temple sent in his resignation which was accepted. The usual auction was then held.

— NEDRA GONZALES, Secretary

DETROIT COIN CLUB — 529th meeting was held January 20 at the Abington Hotel. Members present, 15. Russ Stehfest gave a report on the C.S.N.S. Convention. Mr. Holmes was voted to see about National Coin Week. The application of Albert O. DuBack was read. A. A. Smith brought up the question of coin news in the paper and was appointed to get material for same. Mr. Livingstone gave a very interesting talk on conditions in England and some of his experiences there. Auction held.

— NEDRA GONZALES, Secretary

DuPAGE COUNTY COIN CLUB — The regular monthly meeting was held Monday, January 24, at 1017 Burlington Avenue. President Edgar Lister presiding. There were 15 members and guests present.

The following were elected to membership: Don Wolf, Robert Dankwardt and Joseph S. Jelinek.

Mr. Ostrander showed slides of a series of 14 Swiss Franc Shooting Festival pieces from 1858 to 1885. He also displayed about 60 foreign crowns and a few tokens of unusual interest. — LESLIE M. FREY, Secretary

HANFORD (CALIFORNIA) COIN CLUB — The January meeting was held in the banquet room of the Chinese Pagoda on the Fourth, with a total of 35 members and guests attending. Harry Ellis, guest speaker, gave a very interesting talk on the monetary systems of the Scandinavian countries, where he visited last summer. Retiring President Obel Phipps after thanking the members for the support given him during his term of office, turned the gavel over to incoming President Merrill Cole, who asked the members to give him the same support that had been given the former president.

Other officers for 1949 are: Forest Speck, vice president; Fred Tinkham, secretary-treasurer; and Edward Fish, auctioneer. President Cole appointed the following on a committee to handle details for National Coin Week displays: Forest Speck, chairman, assisted by Eddie Curtis and Fred Tinkham. New member for the month was Robert Ellis of Fresno. At the suggestion of Forest Speck, at least two members will make a coin display at each meeting hereafter. Forest Speck and Fred Tinkham are requested to put on the display at the February meeting.

— FRED TINKHAM, Secretary

HAWTHORNE COIN CLUB — The first meeting of the 1949 season was held at the Hawthorne Plant of the Western Electric Company with 46 members and guests attending. The names of eight new members were read and they were welcomed by the President and members. This makes our total membership 112.

The President reported the purchase of five display cases for use in future shows. He also promised to have forms for the purchase of 1948 mint sets available very shortly.

Vice President Frank Hoening was called upon to introduce the speaker which he proceeded to do. The speaker, Glenn R. Ostrander, newly elected president of the Chicago Coin Club, spoke on the wrong and right way to display coins and illustrated his talk with many exhibits. It was quite interesting and instructive.

— G. W. PIRRONG, Secretary

HUDSON VALLEY COIN CLUB — A dinner meeting was held January 12 at the Shanghi Loo Restaurant, Kingston, N. Y. Our new president Paul Caban presided.

Exhibits:

Paul Caban: Dollar size silver coins.

William Mohr: Small cents; commemorative halves.

Julius Kraus: An unusual coin case.

Earle Sherwood: Roman coins.

— EARLE D. SHERWOOD, Secretary

KANAWHA VALLEY COIN CLUB — The regular meeting was held in the Y.M.C.A. Building, Capitol Street, Charleston, West Virginia, 7:30 p.m. January 17.

Exhibits on display were the following:

B. L. Cobbs: 24 different Colonial coins and a complete set of cents 1793 to date with the exception of the 1793 and 1799 large cents.

H. K. White: An uncirculated 1948 mint set.

At 8:00 p.m. the president, Fred S. White, Jr., announced that a short movie would be shown and introduced Mr. J. W. Londeree, a representative of the United Fuel Gas Company, who said a few words as to what to expect in the showing of the film entitled, "The Eternal Flame." This picture seemed to be thoroughly enjoyed by everyone present.

Visitors present were: Mrs. B. L. Cobbs, D. J. Ogden, Thomas O. Morgan, E. O. James, J. L. Goshorn, Jr., Bruce E. Henson, L. F. Smithson, C. R. Simms and Frank Newhouse.

Five applications were received for membership in the club.

There were twenty-eight members present at this meeting.

— EARLE P. SMITH, JR., Secretary

LEHIGH VALLEY COIN CLUB — The 107th meeting was held at the St. James Reformed Church, Allentown, Pa., January 12. There were 46 members and guests present. The meeting was called to order by the President, A. Detweiler.

The Mint Report was read by the Secretary.

The Seal of the Club was delivered to the Secretary by Mr. Reinert.

Loyd B. Gettys, President of the A.N.A., was our guest for the evening. Mr. Gettys spoke of the A.N.A., its membership, workings, plans for 1949 and the change in the cover of THE NUMISMATIST, etc.

Col. J. Moss, Philadelphia, Pa., was also a guest of the Club and spoke to the men.

David Bullowa, Philadelphia, Pa., was also present and thanked the Club for the fine time he had.

After the meeting a Dutch lunch and refreshments were served.

A fine display of coins and a lively auction closed the meeting. — K. LOBB, Secretary

LOS ANGELES COIN CLUB — Newly elected President A. P. Gasser called our 250th meeting to order promptly at 8 p.m. January 3rd with a crowd of 42 members and guests present.

Ex-prexy Sam Kabealo announced that the Spring meeting of the California State Numismatic Assn. would be held April 14, 15

and 16 at San Jose, and that he had been awarded the Auction. All local numismatists look forward to this momentous event. Adolph Larson, Jr., sage of our club for many years, again fell heir to the Chairmanship of the Annual Banquet to be held this year on February 4th at Eaton's Ardmore Cafe on Wilshire Blvd. Under Larson's leadership all members anticipate an evening packjammed with everything, including food in the tummies.

Compton Johnson displayed his now famous Half-Dollar collection and delivered a very informative paper on this series, covering those coined from 1794 to 1807. After Johnson apologized for his inability to read it properly, Adolph Larson again came to the rescue and did a noble job of delivering its enlightening contents to an interested audience. It is hoped that this paper will soon be published in THE NUMISMATIST, as it covers many new phases concerning the early coinage of these pieces.

Prexy Gasser then pulled a surprise by calling a short recess and with the aid of Mr. Hackley wheeled in big pots of steaming coffee (yes, we've needed THAT in Sunny ? ? Calif. recently) and do-nuts. After the refreshments were enjoyed by all, a brisk Auction conducted by our old reliable Sam Kabealo ended a very entertaining evening. — P.S.: Karl Brainard, President of the Bay Cities Club, after being duly initiated was admitted to membership.

— JACK W. OGILVIE, Secretary

LOS ANGELES JUNIOR COIN CLUB — The sixth meeting of our club was held at the home of our president Ronnie Lyons at 11 a.m. December 31.

Plans were discussed for interesting other boys in this vicinity, in joining our Club.

After the regular business meeting, Edgar Zwieback gave a talk on dimes and quarters designed by Barber. Some collectors who do not know any better often refer to these coins, which were issued from 1892 to 1916, as "Morgan" coins.

Our visitors Jimmy Kenny and Frank Siegel spoke briefly on their collecting activities.

Any boy in this locality, between the ages of 9 and 18, is invited to become a member of our Club. Write or phone Ronnie Lyons, 320 N. Sweetzer, (Phone YOrk 1864) Los Angeles 36, California.

— EDGAR ZWIEBACK, Secretary

LOUISVILLE COIN CLUB — Regular meeting held January 25 at the University of Louisville with seven members in attendance.

President L. L. Howe read a copy of the proposed constitution and by-laws and after several suggested changes it was referred back to the committee for final re-drafting.

Mr. Howe spoke on ancient coins and supplemented his talk with a fine exhibit from his own collection.

Other exhibits:

W. O. Haddaway: U. S. mint set of 1948.

H. Tileson: Large size U. S. currency.

— W. O. HADDAWAY, Secretary

MADISON COIN CLUB — Regular meeting held at the American Legion Club with eight members and their wives attending. Dinner preceded the business.

The following officers were elected: President, Russell Henderson; vice president, Gordon Hill; librarian, Earl Clauder; treasurer, Mrs. Theo Werder; secretary, Ray Rinden. — RAY H. RINDEN, Secretary

NEW YORK NUMISMATIC CLUB — Meeting Friday evening, January 14. Joseph Spray, president, opened the meeting. Twenty-six members and five guests were present.

The following officers were elected for the year 1949: President, Damon G. Douglas; vice president, Martin F. Kortjohn; secretary-treasurer, Vernon L. Brown.

Mr. Douglas extended a cordial welcome to our guests and introduced Loyd B. Gettys, a member of the Club and President of the American Numismatic Association. Mr. Gettys spoke on the activities of the Association. His remarks were thoroughly enjoyed by all and it was a pleasure to have him with us.

Topics for the evening: Cents of Connecticut, New Jersey, Vermont and Massachusetts; Imperial Byzantine Coins; and Coins Celebrating Anniversaries.

Exhibits were made by the following:

R. D. Allen: 7 Vermont Cents; 2 N. J. Mark Newby — 1 farthing; halfpenny; 4 N. J. Cents; Mass. Pine Tree shillings — large and small planchets; sixpence, threepence; Mass. Oak Tree — shilling, twopence; Mass. 1787 Cent and Half-Cent; Mass. 1788 Cent and Half Cent; 13 Comm. Cents.

Bradford Babbitt: 1 real Charles & Johanna; ¼ real 1813 Santiago, Chile; 8 reales Potosi 1685 Charles II.

Miss Maryo Sielska: Stater of Leucas B.C. 260-220.

H. J. Erlanger: Gold medal of 12 ducats 1730 of Christian of Saxe-Weimar commemorating the 200th anniversary of the Augsburg confession, and several Nuremberg commemorative medals.

E. K. Hessberg: Various die varieties; Connecticut cents; also Massachusetts, Vermont, New Jersey and Virginia cents.

J. R. Francis: Set of Canadian coins 1c to $1 with maple leaf, indicating they were struck in 1948; 3 Connecticut, 2 Massachusetts and 1 N. J. cents.

Raymond Gallo: Hard Times tokens — Low #57, 142, 143, 151.

O. T. Sghia: $3 1883 gold, proof.

D. G. Douglas: Vermont coppers.

L. Kusterer: 12 varieties Conn. cents, also 6 misstrikes; Mass. Cents 1787-1788, ½ cent 1788; Vermont cents Ryder #9 and #31.

Thos. F. Morris: $5 Silver Ctf. Series 1896; $1 1862 first greenback.

C. H. Ryan: Large gold medal of American Society of Civil Engineers, 1872. Scalloped edge gold tola (India) Habib Bank. Gold tola of H.M.S. (Bombay).

O. S. Schilke: 6 double struck Connecticut cents.

J. H. Spray: Mass. ½ cent 1787; Cent 1788 Crosby 1-DX; New York Cent 1787; Conn. cent 1785; Vermont Cent 1786; Pine Tree shilling Crosby 212.

Geo. H. Blake: 3 proof notes on the John Hancock Bank of Springfield, Mass., showing the large and peculiar signature of John Hancock, the first signer of the Declaration of Independence.

Mrs. D. G. Douglas: Medals of Zachary Taylor and plan of the Senate Chamber of the first session of the thirty-first Congress.

E. T. English: Byzantium-Nomisma 1080 A.D.

The Secretary read communications from the following: Gilbert Askew — Christmas greetings; Paul Wittlin — Christmas greetings; Captain Galo B. Ocampo — expressing his appreciation of the hospitality the Club extended to him on his recent visit; Gilbert Perez, who sent his numismatic book plate to members.

Harry C. Mathews of Jersey City, New Jersey, was elected to membership in the club.

Mr. Deas read several newspaper clippings pertaining to numismatics.

— VERNON L. BROWN, Secretary

OREGON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY — A meeting was held January 10 at the Benson Hotel with 34 members and guests present.

Lloyd Ruff handed the gavel over to the new president, Jack Casey, who called upon

all the members to introduce themselves and their guests, and then made a brief speech outlining some of his plans for the coming year.

Mrs. Jean Dreyer was elected to membership in the Society.

The president announced that there would be an informal membership campaign this year, with a prize going to the member securing the most new members for 1949.

Displays included:

F. C. Powell: Indian head cents and three-cent pieces.

Bill Lamb: Odd and curious pieces.

Ted Sanguras: Mint sets, 1938 to date, Jefferson nickels and Washington quarters.

Jim Padden: Complete set of Mexican pieces coined since change to "Estados Unidos de Mexico." He gave the group a brief history of the characters portrayed on the coins and their place in the history of Mexican independence.

— RUTH W. THOMPSON, Secretary

PHILADELPHIA COIN CLUB — The 163rd meeting held January 18 at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel with 34 present and Fred Hicks in the Chair.

E. H. Havens exhibited a large variety of his hobbies and spoke informatively of the pleasure to be had from having more than one hobby.

Exhibits:

W. C. Boston: Complete sets of Barber quarters and Buffalo nickels.

C. J. Dochkus: 42 pieces of fractional currency.

A. H. Leatherman: Spanish 8 scudos of 1814, 1819 and 1820.

Wm. A. Schick, Jr.: Scarce half and quarter dollars picked from circulation.

Howard F. Street: Paper money.

N. H. van Roekens: A Bar cent and a Virginia half-penny.

A. Sipe: Indian wampum, Aztec currency, and a card of North and South American coins in gold, silver and copper on which the Indian head appears.

— ARTHUR SIPE, Secretary

PORTLAND COIN CLUB — The monthly meeting was held at the Graymore Hotel January 22nd with 24 members and guests present.

A paper on Overdates on Large Cents through 1824 with excellent enlarged illustrations, was presented.

At the business session it was voted to assist any Junior Coin clubs to organize.

Board auctions will be held in the future commencing with the February meeting.

Several collections of U. S. Cents were on display.

— LEON T. BLACKWELL, Secretary

ROCHESTER NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION — The 819th meeting was called to order by President S. Clark Place January 11th at the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences, with 29 members and four visitors present.

The Curator, Floyd B. Newell announced that the Dr. Cady Presidential Medals had been received and would be distributed at this meeting.

The speaker of the evening was Dr. Francis L. Cady, on the subject: Early Large Cents of the United States.

Dr. Cady covered his subject in great detail to the genuine interest of those present. At the conclusion of the talk which was illustrated by slides made by Floyd B. Newell, a rising vote of thanks was tendered the speaker.

Exhibits:

Charles F. Starr: A collection of U. S. large cents complete for each date with a number of varieties.

Barney Bloom: 4 altered Lincoln cents. 4 Chinese bills which represent 1 million dollars.

J. J. Pittman: 1908-D U. S. $5.00 gold; 1926 $2.50 Sesqui Centen.

— NORMAN F. PRINCE, Secretary

SEATTLE COIN CLUB — The Club held its 150th meeting on January 27 in the Roosevelt Hotel, with 28 members and five guests present. At this meeting a most enjoyable dinner was served. W. E. Daniel presided as Master of Ceremonies in a manner which contributed greatly to the success of the meeting.

The meeting was turned over to Paul Fouts, who has been a member of the Club since its conception. Mr. Fouts installed the new officers after the dinner with a very impressive induction ceremony. The new officers, consisting of Howard Glickert (president), Bert Wagner (vice president), Waldo B. Christenson (secretary) and Stephen Bibler (treasurer), were sworn in, and assumed the duties of their offices.

Following pertinent remarks by the new president, who has been a member of the Club for 11 years, the program was turned over to Steve Bibler, who announced the showing of slides loaned by the A.N.A. These were most ably presented by Mrs. D. D. DeNise, with Bert Wagner as narrator, who spent considerable time on the slides prior to the meeting, and presented them in a most enjoyable manner. Included in the slides were some showing large cents, which provoked interesting comments from our renowned large cent collector, Chris Peterson.

President Glickert read a letter from Mike Semen of Kodiak, Alaska, a former member of our Club, who wishes to hear from Club members. As Mr. Semen has no other contacts with his hobby, he would appreciate letters from all who would care to write.

Bob Barkley's display of beautiful foreign crowns was a highlight of the displayed material. Mr. Fleider showed a fine set of silver dollars, Mr. Talmadge displayed his 3-cent silver coins and Jerry Woods his proof sets and an overdate Buffalo Nickel.

— WALDO B. CHRISTENSON, Secretary

SPRINGFIELD COIN CLUB — 366th meeting, held January 11, at the Museum of Fine Arts, President Cignoni presiding with 14 members and three guests present.

Regular business meeting held plus the annual election of officers with the slate the same as of last year.

G. L. Carter displayed a very nice collection of commemorative half dollars. Joseph Beaudoin showed his membership card as of the year 1912 the year in which the club was organized. A small auction completed the entertainment and meeting for the evening.

— C. W. CARRIER, Secretary

WESTCHESTER COUNTY COIN CLUB — Annual "Ladies' Night" took precedence over the affairs of business at the 175th meeting of the club held at the New Rochelle Y.M.C.A. President Johnson welcomed a group of more than 50 persons, including members, their wives and guests.

Before the evening's activities got under way, President Johnson announced that Gordon Osborne, Director of the Colonial Museum in the Sub-Treasury, Wall St., N. Y. C., would be the speaker at "Washington Night," the regular February meeting.

The entertainment program opened with 11-year-old drum major Richard Deyber, of Byram, Conn., who was followed by World's Champion Barbara Hrozienchak of Cos Cob, Conn., leader of President Truman's Inaugural Parade in January.

Club member Arthur H. Brooke provided the second portion of the evening's entertainment by performing various very baffling

conjuring tricks selected on short notice from his extensive repertoire.

Members and their guests were very fortunate to hear a most interesting talk delivered by Michael Lantz, of New Rochelle, designer of "John and Salome," the 37th issue of the Society of Medalists, and the 50th Jubilee medal of the City of New York. Mr. Lantz described step by step, the methods involved in creating a medal. Samples of the plaster molds and casts together with the finished medals were passed throughout the audience for examination.

Following Mr. Lantz' talk, President Johnson turned over the remainder of the meeting to Auctioneers Marsden and Dewey who teamed up to conduct a highly successful and spirited session. Refreshments were served by Mr. Lewis and his committee during the auction and after a social hour, adjournment brought to a close one of the most successful "Ladies' Nights" ever sponsored by the club.

— STEPHEN HART, Secretary

WESTERN MARYLAND COIN CLUB — The 123rd meeting was held in Ali Ghan City Shrine Club, Cumberland, Md., January 5th at 8 p.m. There were present 12 members.

This meeting featured "large cents." Displays of large cents were made by H. H. Cessna, Alfred Hutter, and Martin Watson. In a talk by Cessna he called special attention to his 1829 large cent with double restrike on reverse. Also, his 1797 type of 1796 with crude milling. He also displayed 4 varieties of 1793, 4 1804, 1 1799, 1 1800 over date, 1 1801 with 3 errors, and 1 1855 pattern cent.

Martin L. Watson displayed and talked about a set of large cents from 1793 to 1857, and talked in particular about several of these coins.

Alfred Hutter displayed and talked about four Washington cents of 1783 and 1791.

Cessna and Hutter talked about the counterstamps used by other Latin American countries on our large cents, as well as some stamps and initials used by individuals in this country.

Talks on large cents were also made by members Phelps, Johnson, Morris, Peters, and Keener.

— MARTIN L. JOHNSON, Secretary

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY — The regular monthly meeting was held January 4th in the Herpetology Laboratory of the Carnegie Museum with President Robert S. Porter presiding. There were twelve members present.

The death of Dr. George Kastlin was mourned by all members of the society. The exhibits were as follows:

Mr. Kennedy: A type set of U. S. commemorative half dollars. 1936 Canada $1.00, Geo. V, 1939 $1.00 Parliament Geo. VI, Mexico 5 pesos 1947, 1 peso 1947.

Mr. Kiefer: Commemoratives: Gettysburg, Pan Pacific, Stone Mountain, Sesqui-Centennial, Booker T. Washington and Iowa. Commemoratives gold: Pan Pacific $2.50, Sesqui-Centennial $2.50. 1889 20 mark gold, Germany, 1910 20 mark gold, Germany, California, Carolina and Louisiana gold.

Mr. Young: 45 foreign commemorative silver coins consisting mostly of European. Represented are states of the German Empire and Republic, Sweden, Norway, Italy, Austria and Hungary.

Mr. Scaife: Silver German war medals of 1914-18 of Wilhelm II, the Crown Prince, generals Von Hindenburg, Ludendorff, Von Lochow, Von Hutier, Von Kluck and Grand Admiral Von Turpitz.

Mr. Porter: Set of Iowa and Booker T. Washington commemoratives, set of Philippine Quezon-Murphy Roosevelt Commemoratives, set of MacArthur 50 centavo and 1 peso commemoratives, set of Edward VIII coins of 1936 of east and west Africa.

Mr. Kachmar: Tray of coins from India.

— JOHN S. KACHMAR, Secretary

WESTERN RESERVE NUMISMATIC CLUB — The 334th meeting was held Wednesday evening January 12 at Hotel Carter, with 29 in attendance.

D. C. Dilley was elected to membership. The question of National Coin Week was brought up and Mr. Rosenthal offered the facilities of The May Company for the club display. President Hahlen appointed a committee of five to plan for this event.

Mr. Bell explained the significance of the blazing sun symbol on the coins of Peru and showed that it was a religious symbol referring to the sun worship of the Incas whose gold lined temple he described in detail.

Mr. Sawicki showed that the history of the Holy Roman Empire was interwoven with that of Bohemia, Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Moravia and explained that many of the coins of these nations reveal this interrelationship.

Mr. Spencer traced the design of the winger Liberty head dime back to ancient Rome where the head of Mercury with the winged cap appears on bronze coins of the third century B.C. The fasces on the reverse of the dime appears on Roman Republican denarii.

The following exhibits were briefly described:

E. G. Bell: 60 dollar size coins of North and South America.

Clyde Drewing: Medal commemorating the 25th anniversary of Iron Fireman stokers.

Fred Hahlen: Franklin half dollar; Franklin token with inscription "A penny saved is a penny earned."

R. A. Meyer: Complete set of Mercury dimes.

J. F. Sawicki: Coins of Holy Roman Empire, Bohemia, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Slovakia and Moravia.

A. P. Spencer: Collection of Roman denarii representing the legends, history and customs of Rome from earliest times to the rule of Caesar.

— AMBROSE P. SPENCER, Secretary

WICHITA COIN CLUB — On December 15th, the club ended the year's activities by holding a dinner meeting with wives and girl friends as guests.

President Rumpf told of the convention of coin collectors of the State of Oklahoma in Oklahoma City in November. The Oklahoma convention was attended by several Wichita Coin Club members and the Oklahoma group accepted President Rumpf's invitation to a Kansas convention in the fall of 1949.

Officers for the coming year were elected and installed in office. The new officers are: H. G. Spore, president; T. R. Hammer, vice president; and W. G. Miller, secretary. Past President Lew Reagan then presented a gavel to retiring President Rumpf. The inscribed band on this gavel was rolled out from a silver dollar which was provided by ex-Secretary Edwards from his collection of mutilated money.

— W. G. MILLER, Secretary

WORCESTER COUNTY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY — Regular monthly meeting held at the Natural History Museum in Worcester, Mass., with twenty members present. President Floyd F. Tilton presided.

For the Library Committee John Kittredge read excerpts from a recent article on "Kings of Spain." Miss Eloise Cloues spoke on "Coins of the Bible" and gave some very interesting facts.

President Tilton brought the annual story of sending to the U. S. Treasury for sets of uncirculated coins of the previous year.

The correct address was posted for all who were interested to copy. He also displayed a Christmas greeting card from Gilbert Askew of London, England, containing greetings to the Club and depicting on the front cover a tetradrachm of Lysimachas, coined between 323 and 281 B.C.

Arthur Moore brought up the subject of offering the services of the club members to the Boy Scouts in the attaining of Merit Badges for coin collecting. The Secretary was instructed to write to Scout Headquarters regarding this activity.

Earl Tuttle spoke on our dearth of publicity, particularly in the field of notices sent to Headquarters, and was advised that we were doing all in our power to rectify that situation and to conform to the rules set up in regard to Secretary's reports.

The question of obtaining some of the medals struck in commemorating Worcesters Centennial celebration last year was brought up. Bertram White said he had one and would bring it to the next meeting and in the meantime would ascertain if any more were available.

A 1935 type set of U. S. coins and a Texas Memorial Half Dollar were raffled off, being won by, respectively, Lester Costello and David H. Donaldson.

A quiz program in which questions pertaining to Numismatism were pulled out of a bag and a member's name to answer the question was pulled from another bag closed the evening's program.

— EARL BELLIS, Secretary

BANQUET OF THE ROCHESTER NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

The 37th Annual Banquet of the R.N.A. was held Saturday, January 8, at the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences.

There were present 69 members and guests. Among those present were a number of guests from Buffalo, including the president, Charles T. Prickett. Also among those present were a number of members and guests from Batavia, Caledonia, Mumford, Avon and other nearby towns.

President S. Clark Place introduced Vice President J. J. Pittman, who acted as master of ceremonies for the evening.

After the usual opening formalities the members and guests sat down to a well-prepared and well-served turkey dinner, which was greatly enjoyed by all.

The visitors and members were extended a cordial welcome by Mr. Pittman.

Group singing was enjoyed by those present, led by Norman F. Prince, who also rendered several solos.

Conforming to an established practice, a bronze medal bearing a portrait of the junior past president is presented to the past president by the president. President S. Place Clark made the presentation to Dr. Francis L. Cady, who responded gracefully on receiving the medal.

The medal was the work of our fellow member, Alphonse A. Kolb, well-known for his skill as a designer and die cutter. Mr. Kolb was introduced and received a generous round of applause for his accomplishment.

The tables were skillfully and attractively decorated, the work of Mr. and Mrs. Place and Mrs. Pittman.

The decoration motif was the Discovery of Gold in 1849 and the main centerpiece at the speaker's table was a replica of the old covered wagon of that period, drawn by four oxen. The minor decorations were imitation gold nuggets with sprays of golden yellow chrysanthemums.

Mr. Pittman introduced the speaker for the evening, our fellow-member and past president, George J. Bauer.

Mr. Bauer gave a very interesting talk which could rightly be termed: "A trip through the Mediterranean in search of coins."

The speaker told of many unusual circumstances which arose on this trip which embraced Northern Africa, Spain, France, Italy and finally Egypt and the Holy Land. He made it interesting and enjoyable. At the completion of the talk the speaker was given a well-deserved round of applause.

The gathering then adjourned to adjoining rooms where some enjoyed the other activities provided, such as cards, Bingo and other games. Some not interested in games gave their attention to a very satisfactory liquid refreshment known as punch, developed after great chemical research by Mr. Pittman.

The party and the punch were voted a great success by all present.

— NORMAN F. PRINCE, Secretary